



WikiLeaks: Snowden going to Ecuador to seek asylum

A TV screen shows a news report of Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee who leaked top-secret documents about sweeping U.S. surveillance programs, at a shopping mall in Hong Kong Sunday, June 23, 2013. The former National Security Agency contractor wanted by the United States for revealing two highly classified surveillance programs has been allowed to leave for a "third country" because a U.S. extradition request did not fully comply with Hong Kong law, the territory's government said Sunday. (AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Admitted leaker Edward Snowden took flight Sunday in evasion of U.S. authorities, seeking asylum in Ecuador and leaving the Obama administration scrambling to determine its next step in what became a game of diplomatic cat-and-mouse. The former National Security Agency contractor and CIA technician fled Hong Kong and arrived at the Moscow airport, where he planned to spend the night before boarding an

Aeroflot flight to Cuba. Ecuador's Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino said his government received an asylum request from Snowden, and the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks said it would help him.

"He goes to the very countries that have, at best, very tense relationships with the United States," said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., adding that she feared Snowden would trade more U.S. secrets for asylum. "This is not going to play out well for the national security interests of the United States."

The move left the U.S. with limited options as Snowden's itinerary took him on a tour of what many see as anti-American capitals. Ecuador in particular has rejected the United States' previous efforts at cooperation, and has been helping WikiLeaks founder, Julian Assange, avoid prosecution by allowing him to stay at its embassy in London. Snowden helped The Guardian and The Washington Post disclose U.S. surveillance programs that collect vast amounts of phone records and online data in the name of for-

eign intelligence, but often sweep up information on American citizens. Officials have the ability to collect phone and Internet information broadly but need a warrant to examine specific cases where they believe terrorism is involved. Snowden had been in hiding for several weeks in Hong Kong, a former British colony with a high degree of autonomy from mainland China. The United States formally sought Snowden's extradition from Hong Kong but was rebuffed; Hong Kong officials said the U.S. request did not

fully comply with their laws. The Justice Department rejected that claim, saying its request met all of the requirements of the extradition treaty between the U.S. and Hong Kong. During conversations last week, including a phone call Wednesday between Attorney General Eric Holder and Hong Kong Secretary for Justice Rimsky Yuen, Hong Kong officials never raised any issues regarding sufficiency of the U.S. request, a Justice spokesperson said.

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At Press Time: Nelson Mandela in critical condition

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JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

Nelson Mandela's health has deteriorated and he is now in critical condition, the South African government said Sunday. The office of President Jacob Zuma said in a statement that he had visited the 94-year-old anti-apartheid leader at a hospital Sunday evening and was informed by the medical team that Mandela's condition had become critical in the past 24 hours. "The doctors are doing everything possible to get his condition to improve and are ensuring that Madiba is well-looked after and is comfortable. He is in good

coming South Africa's first black president in all-race elections in 1994. He was hospitalized on June 8 for what the government said was a recurring lung infection. In Sunday's statement, Zuma also discussed the government's acknowledgement a day earlier that an ambulance carrying Mandela to the Pretoria hospital two weeks ago had engine trouble, requiring the former president to be transferred to another ambulance for his journey. Pretoria, South Africa's capital, lies about 50 km (30 miles) from Johannesburg, where Mandela has been living. "There were seven doctors

pray for the ailing ex-president, his family and the medical team attending to him. The ruling party expressed concern about the deterioration in Mandela's health. "We welcome the work being done by The Presidency to ensure that South Africans and people of the world are kept informed on the state of Madiba's health," the party said. "The African National Congress joins The Presidency in calling upon all of us to keep President Mandela, his family and his medical team in our thoughts and prayers during this trying time." In Washington, the White



Former South African President, Nelson Mandela, in a jovial mood at the Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005. Mandela's health has deteriorated and he is now in critical condition, the South African government said Sunday, June 23, 2013.

(AP Photo/Denis Farrell)

hands," Zuma said in the statement, using Mandela's clan name. Zuma also met Graca Machel, Mandela's wife, at the hospital in Pretoria and discussed the former leader's condition, according to the statement. Zuma was accompanied on the visit by Cyril Ramaphosa, the deputy president of the country's ruling party, the African National Congress. Mandela was jailed for 27 years under white racist rule and released in 1990. He then played a leading role in steering the divided country from the apartheid era to democracy, be-

in the convoy who were in full control of the situation throughout the period. He had expert medical care," Zuma said. "The fully equipped military ICU ambulance had a full complement of specialist medical staff including intensive care specialists and ICU nurses. The doctors also dismissed the media reports that Madiba suffered cardiac arrest. There is no truth at all in that report." Mandela, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, is seen by many around the world as a symbol of reconciliation, and Zuma appealed to South Africans and the international community to

House National Security Council spokeswoman noted the latest reports from the South African government about Mandela's worsening condition. "Our thoughts and prayers are with him, his family and the people of South Africa," said spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden. Prior to Zuma's statement late Sunday, reports from the government, former President Thabo Mbeki and a grandson of Mandela had indicated that the health of Mandela was improving, even though he has been in the hospital for treatment several times in recent months. □

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A State Department official said the United States was in touch through diplomatic and law enforcement channels with countries that Snowden could travel through or to, reminding them that Snowden is wanted on criminal charges and reiterating Washington's position that Snowden should only be permitted to travel back to the U.S.

Those officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the case.

The Justice Department said it would "pursue relevant law enforcement cooperation with other countries where Mr. Snowden may be attempting to travel."

The White House would only say that President Barack Obama had been briefed on the developments by his national security advisers.

Russia's state ITAR-Tass news agency and Interfax cited an unnamed Aeroflot airline official as saying Snowden was on the plane that landed Sunday afternoon in Moscow.

Upon his arrival, Snowden did not leave Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport. One explanation could be that he wasn't allowed; a U.S. official said Snowden's passport had been revoked, and special permission from Russian authorities would have been needed.

"It's almost hopeless unless we find some ways to lean on them," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y.

The Russian media report said Snowden intended to fly to Cuba on Monday and then on to Caracas, Venezuela.

U.S. lawmakers scoffed. "The freedom trail is not exactly China-Russia-Cuba-Venezuela, so I hope we'll chase him to the ends of the earth, bring him to justice and let the Russians know there'll be consequences if they harbor this guy," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

With each suspected flight, efforts to secure Snowden's return to the United States appeared more complicated if not impossible. The United States does not have an extradition treaty with Russia, but does with Cuba, Venezuela and Ecuador. Even with an extradition agreement though, any country could give Snowden a political exemption.

The likelihood that any of these countries would stop Snowden from traveling on to Ecuador seemed remote. While diplomatic tensions have thawed in recent years, Cuba and the United States are hardly allies after a half century of distrust.

Venezuela, too, could prove difficult. Former President Hugo Chavez was a sworn enemy of the United States and his successor, Nicolas Maduro, earlier this year called Obama "grand chief of devils." The two countries do not exchange ambassadors.

U.S. pressure on Caracas also might be problematic given its energy exports. The U.S. Energy Information Agency reports Venezuela sent the United States 900,000 barrels of crude oil each day in 2012, making it the fourth-largest foreign source of U.S. oil.

"I think 10 percent of Snowden's issues are now legal, and 90 percent political," said Douglas McNabb, an expert in international extradition and a senior principal at international criminal defense firm McNabb Associates.

Assange's lawyer, Michael Ratner, said Snowden's options aren't numerous.

"You have to have a country that's going to stand up to the United States," Ratner said. "You're not talking about a huge range of countries here."

That is perhaps why Snowden first stopped in Russia, a nation with complicated relations with Washington.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is "aiding and abetting Snowden's escape," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. □

Congress gathers more will to overhaul immigration

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WASHINGTON - Six years ago this month, re-election campaign looming, Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., joined 15 other Democrats to shoot down an overhaul of the immigration system, which she said encouraged "illegal behavior" with "a generous path to citizenship" for "people who have broken the law to enter this country."

Landrieu's next campaign is already upon her. Republicans have made her a prime target in their quest to retake the Senate in 2014. But on immigration, her tone has changed markedly, as has what she called her own internal political compass.

"Sometimes it just takes a while for issues to marinate," Landrieu said, indicating she is a likely "yes" on a bill in the Senate offering a route to citizenship for 11 million people in the country illegally. "You can kind of feel like the public is ready to do this, and wants to do it."

As the Senate prepares a pivotal vote on Monday to end debate on a border-security amendment that is expected to bring some reluctant Republicans on board, Landrieu's about-face reflects a new political reality in which conservative Democrats like her are uniting with moderate Republicans to help carry the legislation across the finish line.

If the amendment goes forward on Monday with more than the 60 votes needed to avoid a filibuster, the bill is almost certain to pass, probably by Thursday or Friday.

In 2007, a bipartisan, left-right coalition brought down an immigration bill that had the backing of the Senate's most senior leaders, as well as the White House. The qualms from the right over "amnesty" for workers in the country illegally were nearly matched in intensity by fears on the left that new guest-worker programs and millions of newly legal workers would expand un-

employment and depress wages.

But advocates of the newest version of a comprehensive immigration overhaul say the large Democratic defections that helped sink the last bill will be minimized this time - in part because of changes to the legislation and in part because the bill's time has finally come as far as

Democrats are concerned. Officially, at least half a dozen Democrats - along with the liberal independent Sen. Bernard Sanders of Vermont - remain undecided, a number that could doom the chances that the immigration bill can get the 60 votes it will need.

Conservative Democrats like Sens. Joe Manchin III of

West Virginia; Max Baucus and Jon Tester of Montana; and Mark Pryor of Arkansas have pressed for stronger border security measures to be added to the base bill written by a bipartisan group of eight senators this year, a demand met on Friday in an agreement reached by Sens. Bob Corker of Tennessee and John Hoeven of North Da-

kota, both Republicans. Their amendment would double the border control force at a cost of roughly \$30 billion.

Liberals like Sanders and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, remain concerned about new visa programs and their effect on U.S. workers and wages.

"Bottom line is, unemployment is high, wages are low, and it is absurd to bring hundreds of thousands of low-wage workers into this country," Sanders said. But pressed on their final votes, most Democrats concede that barring an abrupt shift in the political climate, they will almost certainly fall in line behind their leaders. Negotiators laid the groundwork early by uniting organized labor behind an overhaul that badly divided unions six years ago.

Some Democrats cautioned there is still time for the bill to fall apart. In 2007, the bipartisan core of negotiators lost control of the bill on the Senate floor, and the bill collapsed under the weight of contradictory amendments that left even advocates baffled. □



Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) speaks with reporters while heading to the Senate chamber in the Capitol Building in Washington. Corker and Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) reached an agreement late last week on a plan to strengthen border security with the bipartisan group of eight senators that drafted an overhaul of the nation's immigration laws.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

Rivers receding in Calgary, thousands return home

CALGARY, Alberta (AP)

— About 65,000 residents of Calgary were being allowed to return to their homes Sunday to assess the damage from flooding that has left Alberta's largest city awash in debris and dirty water. Some were returning to properties spared by flooding, but others were facing extensive repairs to homes and businesses.

About 75,000 people had to leave at the height of the crisis as the Elbow and Bow rivers surged over their banks Thursday night. Three bodies have been recovered since the flooding began in southern Alberta and a fourth person was still missing.

"We've turned a corner, but we are still in a state of emergency," Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi said.



A flooded downtown Calgary, Alberta is seen from an aerial view of the city as waters recede. The two rivers that converge on the western Canadian city of Calgary are receding after floods devastated much of southern Alberta province, causing at least three deaths and forcing thousands to evacuate. (AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Jonathan Hayward)

shi said. "Our hearts and thought and prayers are with our colleagues downstream."

People in the eastern part of the province headed for higher ground as the flood

threat remained. In Medicine Hat, Alberta, thousands of people have left their homes as water levels rose on the South Saskatchewan River. The river was not expected to crest until

Monday, but by Sunday morning it was lapping over its banks in low-lying areas and people were busy laying down thousands of sandbags. In Calgary, Nenshi said crews were working hard to restore services and he thanked residents for heeding the call to conserve drinking water.

He had already warned that recovery will be a matter of "weeks and months" and the damage costs will be "lots and lots."

While pockets of the city's core were drying out, other areas were still submerged. The mayor didn't anticipate that anyone could return to work downtown until at least the middle of the week. The downtown area was evacuated Friday.

The city's public schools were also to remain closed Monday. □



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Judicial Review:

Blockbuster issues among Supreme Court's last cases



Visitors wait outside the Supreme Court in Washington in anticipation of key decisions being announced. With only a few days remaining in the court's term, several major cases are still outstanding that could have widespread political impact on same-sex marriage, voting rights, and affirmative action.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has 11 cases, including the term's highest profile matters, to resolve before the justices

take off for summer vacations, teaching assignments and international travel. The court is meeting on Monday for its last scheduled session, but will add

days until all the cases are disposed of. A look at some of the cases:

GAY MARRIAGE

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Actually two cases. One is a challenge to California's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. The other is an attack on a provision of federal law that prevents legally married gay couples from receiving a range of tax, health and pension benefits.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

A white woman denied admission to the University of Texas seeks to overturn the school's consideration of race among many factors in filling the last quarter of its freshman classes. A broad ruling could end the use of race in college admissions nationwide.

VOTING RIGHTS

A suburb of Birmingham, Alabama, wants the court to end the nearly 50-year-old requirement for some state and local governments, mainly in the South

and with a history of discrimination in voting, to get advance approval of any changes in the way they hold elections.

NATIVE AMERICAN ADOPTION

A wrenching dispute over who gets custody of a Native American girl, her biological father or the adoptive couple who cared for her until she was 2. The case involves the interpretation of a 1978 law intended to prevent American Indian children from being taken from their homes and typically placed with non-Indian adoptive or foster parents.

GENERIC DRUGS

The industry is asking the Supreme Court to extend protections that makers of generic drugs have from state court lawsuits if federal officials have approved the design of the brand-name version the generic drug copied.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

A Florida property owner wants compensation, under the Constitution's requirement that the government must pay if it takes your property, for a local government's refusal to issue a development permit.

WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION

Two cases test different aspects of federal law barring discrimination on the basis of race.

In one, the court has to decide what level of responsibility it takes to be considered a worker's supervisor in a discrimination complaint. The other asks whether an employer's action can be considered retaliation against an employee who complains of racial harassment if retaliation was a motivating factor, or must it be the only factor. □

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VW mum on prospects for US plant expansion

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Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee (AP) — Volkswagen calls its Chattanooga plant a global model for energy conservation and efficient production.

But executives remain tightlipped about whether the facility is in line to produce a new crossover SUV.

Andy Berke, who was on the Germany trip, said in an email.

Economic incentives are likely to play a large role in the decision, just as they did when Chattanooga beat out sites in Alabama and Michigan for the plant in 2008. Tennessee's total incentive package was es-

If Volkswagen bypasses the Chattanooga plant, it won't be for lack of available space. Jan Spies, VW's head of factory planning, noted at a recent media roundtable in Chattanooga that the facility was laid out to accommodate a doubling of its current size. Spies said the Chattanooga plant set a new standard for Volkswagen, which has 100 plants worldwide.

"The layout here is fantastic," he said. "We've copied it more than any other layout so far."

But the Chattanooga model doesn't fit all production needs, said Spies, remarking, "As soon as you come to building cars that have a much higher complexity, this layout will not be the best."

For example, the recent expansion of a plant in Gyor, Hungary, required a different design to accommodate the wider range of luxury vehicles made there by Audi, he said.

Unlike the Chattanooga plant, which makes only four-door Passat sedans, the Hungarian facility is also able to produce two-door cars and station wagons and can produce vehicles with a larger number of customizable options and equipment. VW unveiled its CrossBlue concept at the North American International Auto Show in January.

The crossover would be a first in the U.S. market: a plug-in hybrid SUV with a diesel engine and two electric motors. □



Workers assemble Volkswagen Passat sedans at the German automaker's plant in Chattanooga, Tenn. VW calls the plant a model for energy conservation and efficient production, but officials are mum about whether the facility is in line to produce a new crossover SUV.

(AP Photo/Erik Schelzig)

duce a new crossover SUV for the German automaker. A decision about production of the new model could come as soon as the quarter that begins in July, and local and state officials hope the company decides to double down on the plant that currently employs about 2,500. A delegation of local officials traveled to VW headquarters in Wolfsburg, Germany, earlier this month to make the case for expanding the Chattanooga plant, which began making the Passat sedan in 2011. "We are always looking for ways to work with them and encourage their growth in Chattanooga," Mayor

timated at \$577 million.

"No doubt it takes incentives," Hamilton County Mayor Jim Coppinger was quoted by the Chattanooga Times Free Press as saying after the trip.

Supporters say the returns have more than justified the incentives.

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Republican campaign strategy for 2016 remains unsettled

CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican Party's road map for winning presidential elections looks hazier than ever as the party's lawmakers and others reject what many considered obvious lessons from Mitt Romney's loss last year. House Republicans are rebelling against the key recommendation of a party-sanctioned post-mortem: embrace "comprehensive immigration reform" or suffer crippling losses among Hispanic voters in 2016 and beyond.

Widespread rejection of warnings from establishment Republicans goes beyond that, however. Many activists say the party simply needs to articulate its conservative principles more skillfully, without modifying any policies, even after losing the popular vote in five of the past six presidential elections.

Despite Romney's poor showing among female voters, House Republicans this past week invited renewed Democratic taunts of a "war against women" by passing the most restrictive abortion measure in years, even though it has little chance of becoming

law because of opposition in the Democratic-controlled Senate and from President Barack Obama. Despite corporate fears of the economic damage that would result from a default on U.S. obligations, Republican lawmakers are threatening to block an increase in the government's borrowing limit later this year if Obama won't accept spending cuts he staunchly opposes. Republicans have lots of time to sort out their priorities and pick a nominee before 2016. They may need it.

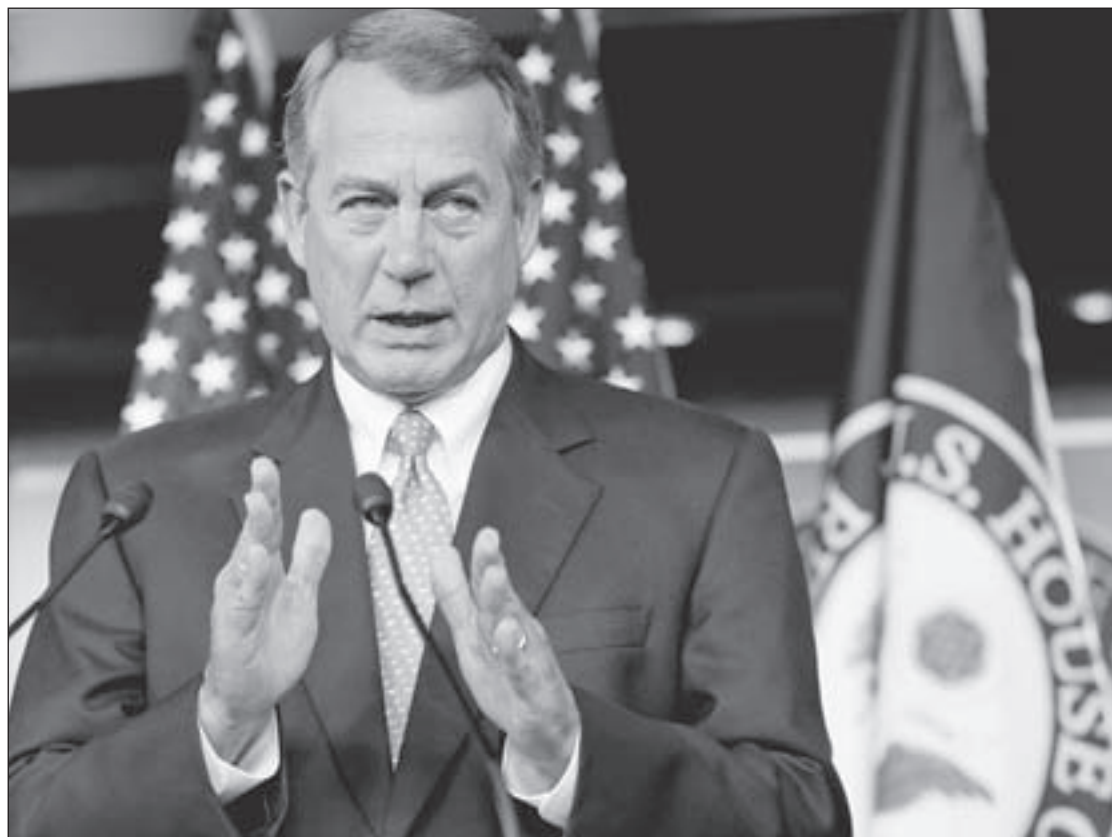
Party activists appear far from agreed on even basic questions, such as whether to show a more conservative face to voters versus a moderate face, and whether to seek a libertarian-leaning, tea party-backed nominee as opposed to a more traditional Republican such as Romney.

"There are pretty vigorous debates going on within the party," said Kevin Madden, a top Romney adviser. The most immediate one centers on the only major policy recommendation from a party-commissioned report written after Romney's defeat. Citing dismal

showings among the fast-growing Hispanic electorate, the report said Republicans "must embrace and champion comprehensive immigration reform. If we do not, our party's appeal will continue to shrink to its core constituencies only." Obama received about 70 percent of the Hispanic vote last year. Many Republicans flatly re-

vote and 7 percent of the African-American vote," Graham said. "America is changing." Actually, Romney did slightly worse. He won 26 percent of the Asian-American vote and 6 percent of the black vote. He did best among older white voters, a steadily declining share of the electorate. Many Republicans say their

panic. Opinion polls tend to support his view that perceptions are hurting Republican candidates more than policy positions are. A Pew Research Center poll in May found that those surveyed gave neither party an advantage on handling gun control, immigration or the economy. In general terms, however,



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio responds to reporters' questions on immigration reform legislation, jobs, and President Barack Obama's plan to put limits on the carbon emissions of existing power plants, Thursday, June 20, 2013, during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

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"If the goal of it is to try to fix presidential politics, I think it's the wrong thing to do," said Rep. James Lankford of Oklahoma. He and many other House Republicans say the best way to attract Hispanics is with the basic conservative pitch used elsewhere: less government, low taxes, personal freedom.

But Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said these Republicans are fooling themselves. If Hispanics "think you really are going to deport their grandmother and you've got a hard heart about this kind of stuff," Graham said, "your economic ideas don't resonate."

"It's impossible winning the presidency getting 27 percent of the Hispanic vote, 30 percent of the Asian

biggest presidential problems involve tone and perceptions, not their stands on issues. If Republican Senate candidates avoid saying incendiary things, such as pregnancies don't result from "legitimate rape," the party's appealing economic message can break through and thrive, these Republicans say.

Last November, "a huge chunk of our problem was tone and temperament," said Mike McKenna, a Republican consultant and pollster. Obama's team also did a far better job of identifying and contacting potential supporters, he said.

"A much, much smaller part of the problem was policy," McKenna said. "It's not like we're the Whig party on the verge of extinction," he said, so there's no need for

people view Republicans less favorably than they do Democrats. A Quinnipiac University poll conducted this spring found that 53 percent of registered voters felt the Democratic Party "cares about the needs and problems of people like you," while just 37 percent said the Republicans did.

Republican strategist Steve Lombardo said the party needs to change its tactics and messaging, not its underlying principles. The problem, he said, is not "that the party is conservative, but rather that it spends too much time on issues that are not salient to a wide swath of Americans." That includes, Lombardo said, "dozens of House votes to overturn Obamacare with no hope of Senate passage." □



California:

Anticipation turns to acceptance awaiting marriage ruling

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LOS ANGELES - Less than five years after California voters approved a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, the fate of that referendum - and the ability of thousands of gay men and lesbians to marry - is expected to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court this week. But even as the decision is awaited, there is not much apprehension here, in the epicenter of the fight over same-sex marriage.

Proponents say they have little doubt that even if the court upholds the ban California voters would legalize gay marriage if the measure made it on the ballot again. That level of confidence is evidence of how the cultural and political landscape has shifted here. Even opponents of

same-sex marriage, looking at many of the same polls, say they would have a far more difficult battle if California residents are given another chance to vote on the issue.

A poll from the Pew Research Center last month showed that 51 percent of Americans supported same-sex marriage, up from less than 40 percent in 2009. Several polls show overwhelming support from young people; a recent Field Poll in California showed that 78 percent of voters younger than 39 favor making gay marriage legal.

"There's no other social issue that you could compare that has had this pace of progress," said Chad Griffin, the president of the Human Rights Campaign and founder of the American Foundation for Equal



Katie Woodrick and her partner, Suzanne Murphy, who got engaged in 2010 but are waiting to marry until the Supreme Court rules on the state's gay marriage ban, at their home in Pasadena, Calif. As California waits for the Supreme Court's decision on the state's ban on same-sex marriage, proponents are confident that voters would approve if given another chance.

(Monica Almeida/The New York Times)

Rights, which filed the legal challenge against Proposition 8 in 2009. "When we filed the case, there was far less national support for marriage, but now we've had the single greatest public awareness campaign we've ever had. It has woken up the world and infused some incredible fuel for the movement for equality." Still, some advocates caution against too much optimism, pointing out that in 2008, polls initially showed that voters were against Proposition 8. But it passed with 52 percent of the vote. □

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The Pakistani Taliban claimed it carried out the attack at Nanga Parbat to avenge the death of their

der. But the militant group, which has been waging a bloody insurgency against the government for years, has shown it has the ability

Khan. One guide was killed, and the other has been detained for questioning. The attackers disguised themselves by wearing uniforms used by the Gilgit Scouts, a paramilitary force that patrols the area, Khan said. Around 15 gunmen attacked the camp at around 11 p.m. Saturday, said the Alpine Club of Pakistan, which spoke with the surviving guide, Sawal Faqir. They began by beating the mountaineers and taking away any mobile and satellite phones they could find, as well as everyone's money, said the club in a statement.

Some climbers and guides were able to run away, but those that weren't were shot dead, said the club. Faqir was able to hide a satellite phone and eventually used it to notify authorities of the attack.

Attaur Rehman, the home secretary in Gilgit-Baltistan, said 10 foreigners and one Pakistani were killed in the attack. The dead foreigners included three Ukrainians, two Slovaks, two Chinese, one Lithuanian, one Nepalese and one Chinese-American, ac-

cording to Rehman and tour operators who were working with the climbers. Matt Boland, the acting spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, confirmed that an American citizen was among the dead, but could not say whether it was a dual Chinese national.

The shooting — one of the worst attacks on foreigners in Pakistan in recent years — occurred in a stunning part of the country that has seen little violence against tourists, although it has experienced attacks by radical Sunni Muslims on minority Shiites in recent years.

Pakistani Taliban spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan claimed responsibility for the attack, saying their Jundul Hafsa faction carried out the shooting as retaliation for the death of the Taliban's deputy leader, Waliur Rehman, in a U.S. drone attack on May 29.

"By killing foreigners, we wanted to give a message to the world to play their role in bringing an end to the drone attacks," Ahsan told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location. □



A Pakistan's army vehicle leads the way for ambulances carrying caskets of a foreign tourists, who were killed by Islamic militants, from a military base to the hospital in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Sunday, June 23, 2013.

(AP Photo/Anjum Naveed)

licemen killed 10 foreign climbers and a Pakistani guide in a brazen overnight raid against their campsite at the base of one of the world's tallest mountains in northern Pakistan, officials

deputy leader in a U.S. drone strike last month. The area has largely been peaceful, hundreds of kilometers (miles) from the Taliban's major sanctuaries along the Afghan bor-

to strike almost anywhere in the country.

The Taliban began their attack by abducting two local guides to take them to the remote base camp in Gilgit-Baltistan, said Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali

Gunmen abduct 2 sisters in Philippines

JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press
MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Suspected al-Qaida-linked gunmen have abducted two Filipino sisters who traveled to a dangerous mountainous area in the southern Philippines to work on a film about Muslim farmers, police and military officials said Sunday.

Nadjoua and Linda Bansil were taken by about 10 gunmen Saturday in Sulu province's Patikul town where they filmed coffee farmers. At least three companions of the sisters, who were in a van, fled on a motorcycle or were left behind by the gunmen, Patikul police chief Senior Inspector Christopher Gutierrez said.

Police were trying to locate the gunmen and their victims, Gutierrez said.

"We're trying to track down the abductors and the vic-

tims and possibly launch a rescue operation with the help of the military," Gutierrez said by telephone.

Marine Col. Jose Cenabre said the gunmen belong to the Abu Sayyaf, a group notorious for ransom kidnappings, beheadings and other atrocities, but Gutierrez said police were still checking if the abductors were from an allied group of young gunmen behind several kidnappings.

Gutierrez said the women, who were guests of a Sulu-based sultan, did not coordinate with police before their trip to the dangerous Patikul hinterlands. They reportedly visited Mount Sinmaan, a rugged mountainous area where the Abu Sayyaf maintains a camp, and were on their way back to the provincial capital of Jolo when they were stopped by the gunmen.

The sisters were born in Al-

geria from an Algerian mother and a Filipino father but grew up in the Philippines, where they have been involved in recent years in producing independent films. One of their works, a short film about the travails of impoverished Filipino sea gypsies, has won praise, according to a close relative who spoke on condition of anonymity for security reasons.

Abu Sayyaf militants have been holding a number of hostages in the jungles of Sulu, including two European bird watchers and a Jordanian journalist who were kidnapped last year. The militants are active in Sulu, a predominantly Muslim province about 950 kilometers (590 miles) south of Manila, where they have survived in their jungle encampments despite years of U.S.-backed Philippine offensives. □



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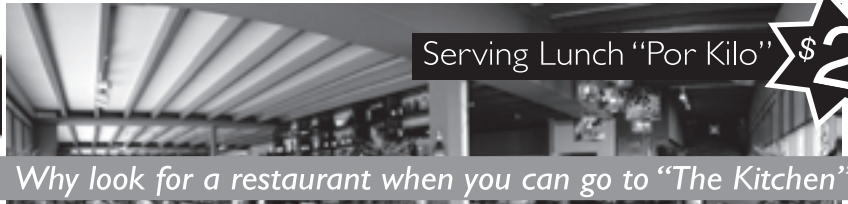
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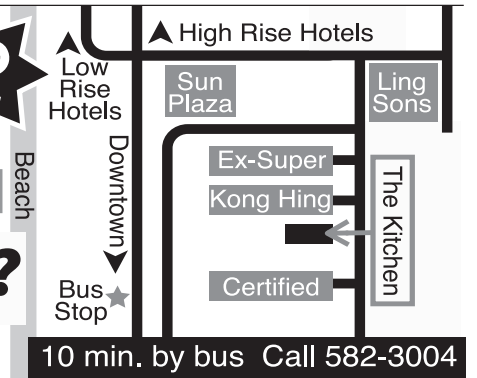


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Brazil ends weekend calm, but discontent still simmers



People march during an anti-government protest at the Copacabana beach, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, June 23, 2013. Demonstrators continued Sunday a wave of protests that have shaken the nation and pushed the government to promise a crackdown on corruption and greater spending on social services.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

BRADLEY BROOKS
Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — After a week of protests at a frenetic pace, a restive calm settled over Brazil on Sunday, though there were a few peaceful demonstrations against corruption. The protests that began more than a week ago in Sao Paulo quickly enveloped Brazil. A survey from the National Counties Federation said that every state in the nation had a protest of some sort in 438 counties, with the apex on Thursday when 1 million people went to the streets. About 4,000 people marched on a road along Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana and Ipanema beaches Sunday, while a few hundred protested in the northeastern city of Fortaleza. No clashes were reported. On Saturday a quarter-million Brazilians protested in more than 100 cities, but the gatherings were less violent than those seen earlier in the week. The movement, which arose with a sea of complaints of everything that ails the nation, has coalesced around de-

mands for political reform to attack widespread corruption. The sudden explosion of discontent and the political awakening of Brazilians has left everyone from President Dilma Rousseff on down bewildered, creating uncertainty about what will come next in the nation that is now hosting the Confederations Cup football tournament and has a papal visit next month, the World Cup next year and the Summer Olympics in 2016. The Globo TV network reported Sunday that the Rousseff government was expected to announce its first concrete response Tuesday: additional funds for a health care program that aims to train more doctors. It's clear that while the current fervor may calm down, Brazilians will use the big events as reasons to gather en masse and demand change. "The protests will go on, the people have become politicized," Marcos Mahal, a 47-year-old economist, said during a protest in Sao Paulo. "The violence that

we saw this week was carried out by marginal groups attempting to demoralize this people's movement,

but it won't be successful. The peaceful masses will carry on." A new poll said 75 percent of citizens support the demonstrations. Published by the weekly magazine Epoca, the survey was carried out by the respected Ibope institute, which interviewed 1,008 people across the country June 16-20. It had a margin of error of three percentage points. Despite the overwhelming support for the protests, 69 percent of respondents said they were satisfied with their lives and optimistic of the future. The nation has nearly full employment and has seen 40 million people move into its definition of middle class in the past decade. But since registering 7.5

percent economic growth in 2010, Brazil's expansion slipped to just 0.9 percent last year. While Brazil has largely buffered itself from the global financial crisis on the back of domestic consumer spending, those who bought heavily on credit in recent years are stretched thin. Inflation is ticking up and Brazil has a high cost of living, in large part because of government inefficiency in improving basic infrastructure such as roads, ports, railways and airports. That makes it more costly to produce goods and move them to consumers. Brazilians also pay more taxes than any nation outside the developing world — 36 percent of gross domestic product. □



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Merkel party underlines opposition to Turkey in EU

BERLIN (AP) — Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative bloc is stressing its opposition to Turkey joining the European Union in its manifesto for German elections in September, arguing the country doesn't fulfill the conditions to join. The language was unveiled as Turkey's government faces international scrutiny for its crackdown on widespread protests, but the stance is in line with the long-held views of Merkel's party.

The program approved Sunday calls for deepening relations between Ankara and the EU and for "close strategic cooperation" on foreign and security policy. "However, we reject full membership for Turkey because it does not fulfill the conditions for EU accession," it says. "In view of the country's size and economic structure, the European Union also would be overburdened."

Merkel has in the past talked of seeking a vaguely defined "privileged part-

nership" with Ankara, but the brief passage on Turkey in her Christian Democrats' manifesto didn't mention the term.

"We have learned that Turkey doesn't want it,"

Merkel told reporters. "So we described our aims differently."

Merkel governs in a coalition with a party that is less skeptical toward Turkey's bid, as are all her other

conceivable coalition partners after the Sept. 22 parliamentary vote.

Her government supports continuing Ankara's membership talks, though Germany and the Netherlands

last week blocked a decision to open a new chapter in those talks.

That contributed to tensions between Berlin and Ankara, which spiked over recent days after Merkel criticized Turkey's crack-

down on demonstrations. The protests in Turkey erupted three weeks ago after riot police brutally cracked down on environmental activists opposing plans to develop Istanbul's Gezi Park. The demonstrations soon turned into expressions of discontent against Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The premier's critics say he is showing increasingly authoritarian tendencies, something he denies.

On Friday, Germany summoned Turkey's ambassador over a Turkish minister's suggestion that Merkel was picking on Ankara for domestic political gain. Turkey then said it was summoning Germany's ambassador.

The two countries' foreign ministers met Saturday in an effort to calm matters. □



German Chancellor Angela Merkel arrives for a meeting of Germany's Christian Parties on the election program in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, June 23, 2013. The leaders of the ruling Christian parties, Merkel's Christian Democratic Party, CDU, and Bavaria's Christian Social Union, CSU, meet to conclude the program for the national elections on Sept. 22, 2013.

(AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

Turkish police force losing patience with protesters

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Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkish police used water cannon to disperse thousands gathered in Istanbul's Taksim Square on Saturday to observe a memorial for four people killed during recent anti-government protests. The officers later fired tear gas and rubber bullets, and in some cases beat people with batons, to scatter demonstrators who regrouped in side streets. The police move came as Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan declared that foreign-led conspira-

tors he alleges are behind the anti-government movement in his country also are fomenting the recent unrest in Brazil.

The protests in Turkey erupted three weeks ago after riot police brutally cracked down on peaceful environmental activists who opposed plans to develop Gezi Park, which lies next to Taksim. The demonstrations soon turned into expressions of discontent with what critics say is Erdogan's increasingly authoritarian and meddlesome ways.

Erdogan, who took power a decade ago, denies he is authoritarian and, as

evidence of his popularity, points to elections in 2011 that returned his party to power with 50 percent of the vote and gave him a third term in office.

On Saturday, demonstrators converged in Taksim, where they laid down carnations in remembrance of at least three protesters and a police officer killed in the rallies. For about two hours, protesters shouted anti-government slogans and demanded that Erdogan resign before police warned them to leave the square. Some demonstrators tried to give carnations to the security forces

watching over the square, shouting: "Police, don't betray your people." But after their warnings to disperse were ignored, police pushed back protesters with water cannon, even chasing stragglers down side streets and apparently blocking entrances to the square. An Associated Press journalist said police drove back protesters into side streets off Taksim — including the main pedestrian shopping street Istiklal — and later fired several rounds of tear gas and rubber bullets to scatter the crowds who refused to disperse. There were no imme-

diates reports of any injuries. Dogan news agency footage showed two police officers hitting protesters with batons and kicking them as they forced their way through Istiklal street. A few demonstrators threw rocks at a police water cannon, while other protesters tried to calm them down and prevent them from attacking police.

Police in the capital, Ankara, also sprayed tear gas and pressurized water to break up hundreds of protesters who gathered in two neighborhoods, wanting to march to the city's main square, Dogan reported. □

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Egypt:

Army says will not let nation go down 'dark tunnel'

HAMZA HENDAWI

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Wading into an increasingly volatile fray, Egypt's military on Sunday gave the nation's Islamist rulers and their opponents a week to reach an understanding before planned June 30 opposition protests aimed at forcing out the president, in a toughly worded warning that it will intervene to stop the nation from entering a "dark tunnel."

The powerful military also gave a thinly veiled warning to President Mohammed Morsi's hard-line backers that it will step in if the mostly secular and liberal protesters, who have vowed to be peaceful, are attacked during the planned demonstrations. In a bid to project a business-as-usual image, Morsi's office said in a statement late Sunday that the president met with the army's chief, Defense Minister Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, to discuss the "domestic scene and the government's efforts to maintain the security of the nation and the safety of its citizens." There was no mention of el-Sissi's warning.

Seeking to assert Morsi's seniority over el-Sissi — the president is the supreme commander of the armed forces — the brief statement, alluding to June 30, said he ordered the quick

completion of plans to protect the state's strategic and vital installations. The opposition argues that Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood, despite having won a series of elections since the 2011 revolution that ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak, have squandered their legitimacy with heavy handed misrule. It contends that the Islamists have encroached on the independence of the judiciary, sought to monopolize power, and pushed through an Islamist-backed constitution, breaking promises to seek consensus. Morsi's supporters say the opposition has shunned his offers of dialogue and now are turning to force to remove him because they have been unable to compete at the ballot box.

On Sunday, a court compounded Morsi's troubles by saying members of his Muslim Brotherhood conspired with Hamas, Hezbollah and local militants to storm a prison in 2011 and free 34 Brotherhood leaders, including Morsi. Also, the most iconic youth figure of the 2011 revolution, Wael Ghonim, called on Morsi to step down before June 30 to prevent bloodshed.

Both sides say they intend to be peaceful on June 30, but many fear the day could descend into violence. There are worries



Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi attends a bi-lateral signing ceremony in Brasilia, Brazil. An Egyptian court on Sunday, June 23, 2013, said Muslim Brotherhood members conspired with Hamas, Hezbollah and local militants to storm a prison in 2011 and free 34 Brotherhood leaders, including the future President Mohammed Morsi.

(AP Photo/Eraldo Peres)

young protesters could attack offices of the Brotherhood and its political arm, the Freedom and Justice party. Some of Morsi's hard-line supporters have vowed to "smash" the protests or have declared protesters infidels who deserve to be killed. "Those who will spray Morsi with water will be sprayed with blood," warned one cleric.

El-Sissi, weighed in with his first public comments on the planned protests while addressing officers at a seminar Sunday.

It was his most direct warning yet that the military — which ruled Egypt directly after Mubarak's fall until Morsi's June 30, 2012 inauguration — could step in. □

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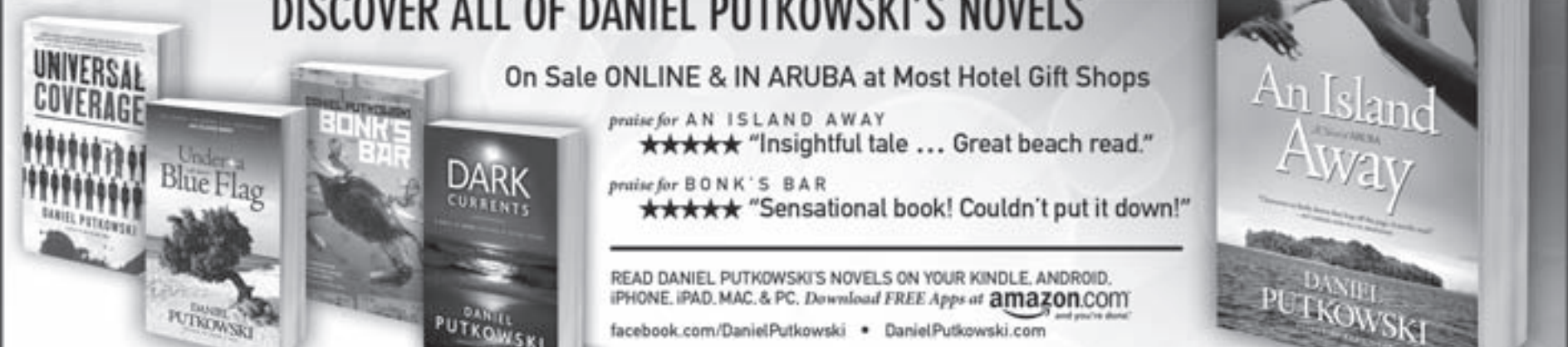
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Kerry: US, India need to tackle global warming

DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday urged fast-growing India to work with the United States on global warming before it's too

late. "The irreversible climate challenge is speeding towards us, crying out for a global solution," he said.

Kerry spoke on climate change in a speech in New Delhi, the second stop on

his two-week swing through the Mideast and Asia, just two days before President Barack Obama is to unveil his long-awaited plan for the United States on the issue.

"The world's largest de-

mocracy and its oldest one must do more together, uniting not as a threat to anyone, not as a counterweight to a region or some other countries, but as partners building a strong, smart future in a critical age," Kerry said in a reference to how India is often viewed as a counterbalance to China.

People consulting with White House officials on Obama's plan say they expect the president to put forth regulations on heat-trapping gases emitted by coal-fired power plants that are already running. Environmental groups have been pleading with Obama to take that step, but the administration has said it's focused first on controls on new power plants.

More than half of India's power comes from coal and while the U.S. has emission issues of its own, it wants to see India and

other nations in the region rely less on old, coal generation facilities. The U.S. is backing a Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India pipeline that would bring energy to a power-starved region.

Speaking at a convention center to a crowd of several hundred businessmen, students and others, Kerry noted that federal scientists in May reported that the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere passed 400 parts per million — a level never before experienced by man.

"When the desert is creeping into East Africa, and ever more scarce resources push farmers and herders into deadly conflict ... then this is a matter of shared security for all of us. ... When the Himalayan glaciers are receding, threatening the very supply of water to almost a billion people, we all need to do better," he said. □



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry makes a speech in part about climate change at the India Habitat Center in New Delhi, India on Sunday, June 23, 2013, on his first visit to India as secretary.
(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Jamaica air traffic controllers stage sick-out

DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Most flights to and from Jamaica were operating on schedule Sunday despite a sick-out staged by air traffic controllers.

The island's civil aviation agency called in contingency teams to man control towers for incoming and outgoing flights.

A union representing 90 percent of Jamaica's air traffic controllers, who first abandoned their posts on Saturday, said their protest

was over a wage dispute, a lack of confidence in "the current state of essential equipment" and other problems with management of the civil aviation authority.

The Jamaica Air Traffic Controllers Association announced Sunday that its action "will likely impact operations at the international airports as well as in the airspace for which Jamaica provides air traffic services" in coming days.

But most flights were taking off a scheduled Mon-

day at Norman Manley International Airport in the capital of Kingston, though passengers waiting for Fly Jamaica's pre-dawn trip to New York said their flight had been delayed until the mid-afternoon.

The Kingston airport closed at about 10 p.m. EDT on Saturday night and reopened at 8:23 a.m. EDT on Sunday due to the sickout. "We're not being told much, just that this disagreement with the controllers meant the airport couldn't be open when this

flight was supposed to take off at 5 a.m.," said Pamela Hodges, who was waiting at the airport to see a friend off on the flight.

Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority spokeswoman Nicole Robinson said "safety is not being compromised" at the island's two international airports in Kingston and the northern tourist town of Montego Bay. More than 40 air traffic controllers were scheduled for duty at the Kingston Air Traffic Control Center but supervisors and managers

have so far been able to deal with the work.

Martha Pantin, a spokeswoman for American Airlines, a major Caribbean carrier, said its flights to Jamaica were operating on schedule.

Some Jamaica flights were being re-routed, including one flight through Haiti, but aviation authorities did not immediately provide specifics.

The association staged a strike two years ago amid another dispute over wages and other labor issues. □



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Succesfull exclusive performance of DJ Chuckie: ‘Chuckie Goes Electronic’ on pool deck of Renaissance Marina Hotel

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into a global phenomenon who never fails to win over legions of fans with his upfront approach to making and playing music. Taking dance and urban music by storm in Europe, The United States, and South America and beyond, he is spreading the Chuckie flavour with his explosive beats, surprise FXs and adulated climaxes. Although Amsterdam based, this truly international DJ and producer works tirelessly to fit everything into his hectic schedule whether he's on a plane or in a hotel room as he travels the globe perform-

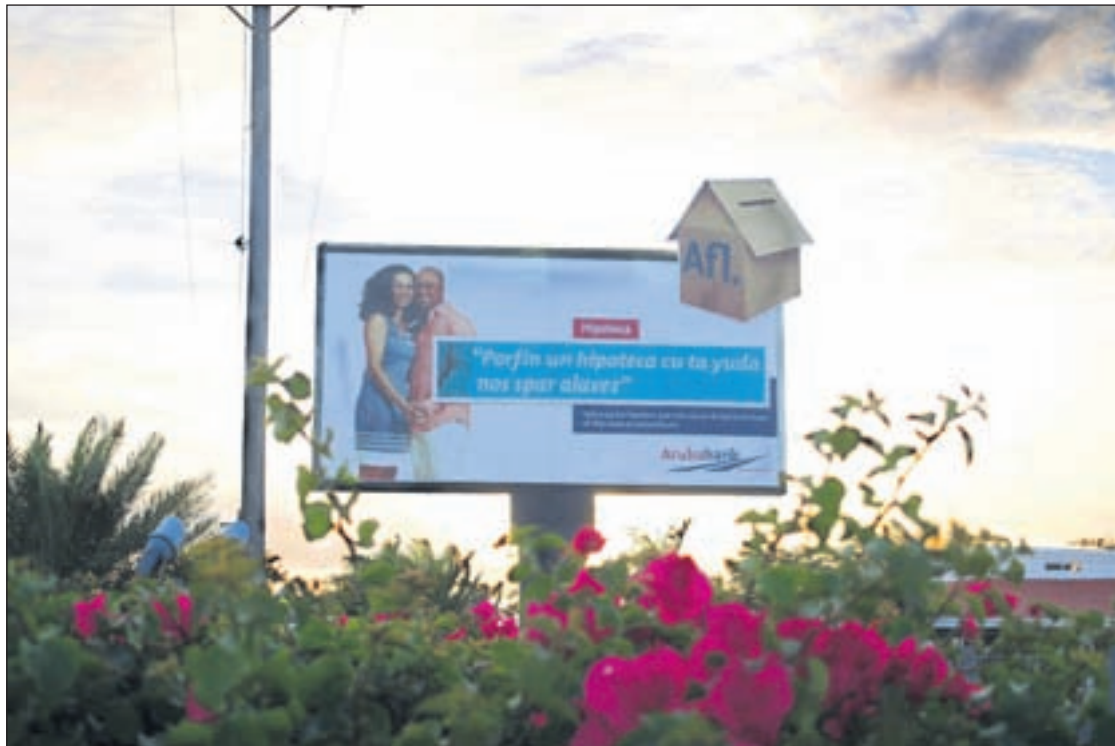
Electric Festival scheduled in September: Chuckie made major announcements on behalf of both of these projects during the press conference for “Chuckie Goes Electric” which was held at Renaissance Resort, he also launched the first electronic music conference and events platform in Latin America and Caribbean, the Electric Festival 2013. The first edition of the festival will be held early September. Renaissance Aruba Resort will have packages available and will soon release more information. □

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Focusing on Leadership Management:

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ORANJESTAD – Business consultant Cor Storm recently conducted a breakfast session, with the focus on Leadership Management which was very well

received by the local business community. The enthusiastically attended session, which took place in the Young Entrepreneur Center at the Aruba Bank

Camacuri Branch, shared valuable information regarding leadership and business management. Facilitator Cor Storm, who based the session on his



vast career experience, discussed leadership styles and best-practices in people management which participants found realistic and handy, applicable to their own work environment.

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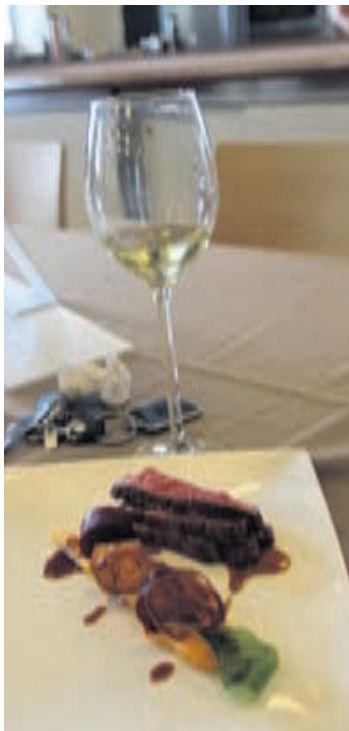
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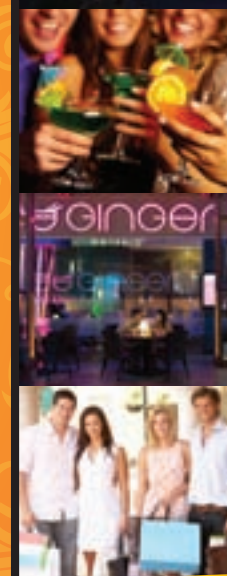
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BLACKHAWKS: ONLY ONE GOAL IN MIND

JAY COHEN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Patrick Kane scored two goals and Corey Crawford made 24 saves as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Boston Bruins 3-1 on Saturday to take a 3-2 lead in the Stanley Cup finals.

Kane had a terrific post-season when Chicago won it all in 2010, including the winning score in a 4-3 overtime victory in Philadelphia that secured the title. Now he's picking up steam with Chicago one win away from another championship, collecting seven goals in the last seven games.

Dave Bolland added an empty-net score and Jonathan Toews had two assists before leaving with an upper-body injury. The captain took a big hit from Johnny Boychuk late in the second and did not play in the final period.

The Bruins also lost one of their key players when Patrice Bergeron was injured in the second. It was unclear what happened to the star center, but the team said he was taken to a hospital for observation. "Getting evaluated right now," coach Claude Julien said. "Not much I can

say." Toews was on the bench for the last part of the game, and coach Joel Quenneville said he hopes the center will be able to play Monday night in Boston.

Zdeno Chara scored in the third period for the Bruins, who lost consecutive games for the first time since the first round against Toronto. Tuukka Rask made 29 saves, keeping the Bruins close while they scrambled to generate quality chances.

Chara got a nice pass from David Krejci from behind the net and beat Crawford on the glove side to make it 2-1 at 3:40 in the third period. The whistling slap shot by the big defenseman came after he was on the ice for five of Chicago's goals in the Blackhawks' 6-5 overtime victory Wednesday night.

The location of Chara's third postseason goal brought to mind the glove-side difficulties for Crawford in Game 4. But he held up just fine coming off the worst postseason game of his career.

He gloved Daniel Paille's slap shot early in the third, and the Blackhawks helped their embattled goaltender by turning up



Chicago Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford (50) deflects a shot by the Boston Bruins in the third period during Game 5 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals, Saturday, June 22, 2013, in Chicago. (AP Photo/Bruce Bennett, Pool)

the pressure on Rask after the Bruins cut it to one. Kane forced Rask to make a couple of nice stops, and Michael Frolik also made a run to the net.

The Blackhawks survived one last push by the Bruins after they pulled Rask, and the crowd of 22,274 roared when the overhead videoboard showed the No.

1 and the Stanley Cup on the screen, signifying the team is one victory away from its fifth title.

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Confederations Cup:

Spain handily defeats Nigeria 3-0 to reach semifinals

STEPHEN WADE

AP Sports Writer

FORTALEZA, Brazil (AP) — World Cup winners Spain defeated Nigeria 3-0 with two goals from Jordi Alba and another from Fernando Torres on Sunday to set up a semifinal showdown with Italy in the Confederations Cup. Although the final score was emphatic, it could have been much closer if Nigeria had accepted some of their many clear chances in the first half. At times Spain looked vulnerable to the African champions' fast breaks. Thursday's rematch in Fortaleza will be a chance for Italy to get even for a humiliating 4-0 loss to Spain in last year's European championship final.

"For us, Italy is a challenge in front of us as we try to get to the final," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "I imagine for Italy it's very important because the loss is fresh in their minds from the European final, and I am sure they are thinking of revenge."

Alba, a left-sided defender, scored in the third minute to set the wide-open tone for the match. The goal capped off a series of one-touch passes with Pedro backheeling a clever ball to Andres Iniesta, who found Alba. His low shot

beat keeper Vincent Enyeama.

Torres scored with a header in the 62nd minute, and Alba picked up his second in the 88th as Nigeria sought to score.

Alba was named man of the match. He said it was a first for him.

"This is new for me," he said. "This kind of award usually goes to the types who regularly score goals."

With this win, Spain extended its unbeaten string to 25 matches. But it was on the defensive more than usual against the young Nigerian side — particularly in the first half.

Nigeria played fast-flowing football in the first half creating about as much possession, just as many chances and regularly beat the World Cup winners to loose balls.

"Nigeria was tough for us," Alba said. "Not just the first half, but the whole game. I have to praise them for playing like that against a team like we have."

Spain had played Nigeria only once before, losing 3-2 in the 1998 World Cup.

Only poor finishing let Nigeria down, with Joseph Akpala and Sunday Mba squandering chances before the break.

Spain's striker Roberto Soldado could also have had

two but for sprawling saves by Nigerian keeper Vincent Enyeama. Cesc Fabregas also hit the post.

Nigeria's Gambo Muhammad missed an open goal in the second half with Spanish keeper Victor Valdes out of position, a prime

chances, but we're not finishing. And that's something we need to work on. Hopefully it is going to come quickly."

The match settled down in the second half with Spain keeping more possession. Nigeria also settled into a

header from a cross from Pedro. Four minutes later the Chelsea striker was in alone again, but lofted a close-up shot high over the crossbar.

Alba got his second in the 88th, dribbling around keeper Enyeama and scor-



Spain's Fernando Torres, right, scores his side's 2nd goal during the soccer Confederations Cup group B match between Nigeria and Spain at the Castelao stadium in Fortaleza, Brazil, Sunday, June 23, 2013.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

example of the team's poor finishing.

"I think we have so much anxiety in front of the goal line," Nigeria coach Stephen Keshi said. "The good thing is we are creating

less physical game, perhaps tiring from the heat and high humidity in the tropical northeast of Brazil. Torres' goal settled matters. Three minutes after coming on, he scored with a diving

ing into an empty net.

Nigeria heads home with mixed results. It arrived late from Africa for the first match after a threatened strike over disputed bonus payments. □

Tahiti loses again at Confed Cup, Uruguay wins 8-0



Challenged by Tahiti's Jonathan Tehau, left, Uruguay's Abel Hernandez scores past goalkeeper Gilbert Meriel during a soccer Confederations Cup group B match at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil, Sunday, June 23, 2013.

(AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

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RECIFE, Brazil (AP) — Moments after Tahiti succumbed to its third rout in three matches, the fans in Brazil really started to cheer for the team that never stood a chance.

The South Pacific islanders enjoyed overwhelming support throughout the Confederations Cup, but the adulation reached a climax Sunday following Tahiti's 8-0 loss to Group B rival Uruguay.

That's when the substitutes walked onto the field at the Arena Pernambuco carrying Brazilian flags and

unfurling a large green and white banner with "Obrigado Brasil" printed on it. In English, that means "Thank You Brazil." "We've been really pleasantly surprised by the love shown to us by the Brazilian public. They've supported us to the end," Tahiti forward Steevy Chong Hue said. "And we'd like to thank them from the bottom of our hearts." Tahiti, a team of mostly amateur players who won the Oceania Nations Cup to qualify for the World Cup warm-up tournament, has been the adopted team of the Brazilian public. The purveyors of

the "Beautiful Game" have been won over by Tahiti's attack-minded pluckiness against insurmountable odds in matches against Nigeria, Spain and Uruguay. In those three matches, Tahiti was outscored 24-1.

"We've been routed three times. We've been defeated," Chong Hue said. "But what was important for us was to represent our country and our values."

For Uruguay, the point of Sunday's match was to win and reach the semifinals. They did that, getting four goals from Abel Hernandez and two from second-half substitute Luis Suarez. □

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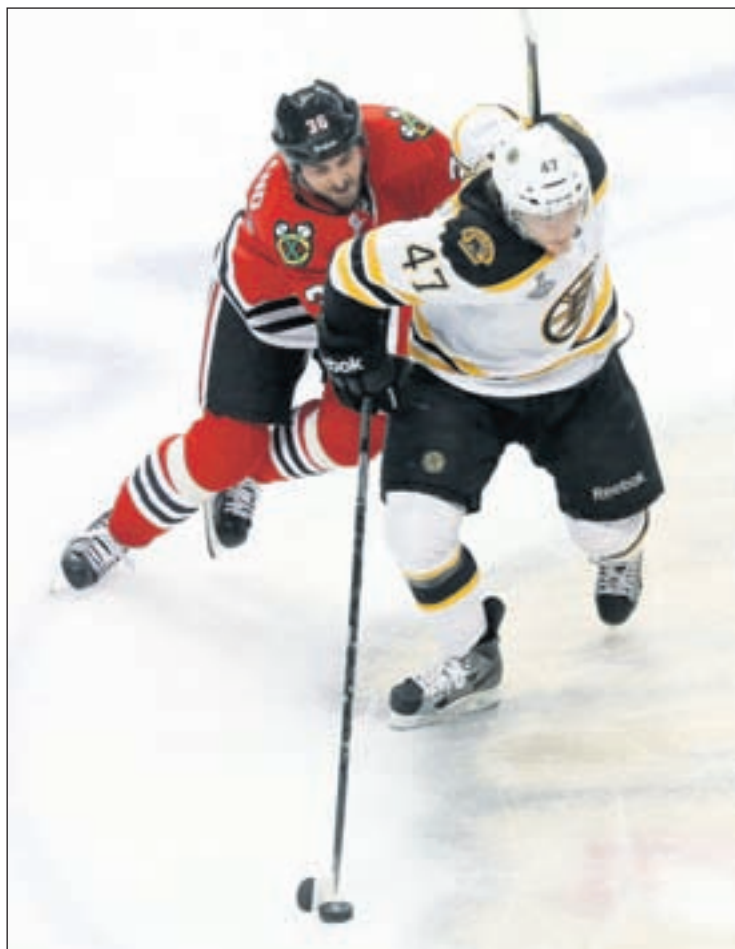
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"They were able to put some pressure on us but we were able to shut the door," Crawford said.

Boston and Chicago returned to the ice three days after they played the highest-scoring game in this year's NHL playoffs. There were five goals in the second period alone, matching the total from the previous two games

first, Johnny Oduya's long slap shot broke the stick of Boston defenseman Denis Seidenberg and trickled to the left side of the net where Kane poked it in for eighth playoff goal.

The line of Kane, Toews and Bryan Bickell, which coach Joel Quenneville put back together before Game 4, struck again in the second. Bickell was stopped by Rask on a rush along the left side, but skated behind the net and threw it back



Chicago Blackhawks center Dave Bolland (36) gets tangled up with Boston Bruins defenseman Torey Krug (47) in the third period during Game 5 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals, Saturday, June 22, 2013, in Chicago.

(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

combined, and Brent Seabrook's overtime score lifted the Blackhawks to the series-tying victory.

It was a marked departure from the first three games of the finals, and raised questions about what the play would be like in the last part of the series. The answer, at least in Game 5, was a return to the strong team defense and disciplined play.

It meant little room to maneuver in both offensive zones, especially for the series' biggest stars.

Only Kane was sure able to find enough space.

With 2½ minutes left in the

in front.

The puck went off the right side of the goal as Rask got his blocker to the post. Kane then deftly backhanded the bouncing puck into the top of the net to make it 2-0 at 5:13.

Since the NHL went to a best-of-seven format for the Stanley Cup in 1939, the winner of Game 5 in a deadlocked series has gone on to win the title 15 times in 22 occasions.

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Ken Duke wins Travelers Championship in playoff

PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Journeyman Ken Duke made a 2½ foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole Sunday to beat Chris Stroud at the Travelers Championship and earn his first PGA Tour victory.

Stroud had chipped in from 51 feet on the 18th hole to force the playoff.

But the 44-year-old Duke made the better approach shot on the second extra hole, bouncing his ball in front of the flag and rolling it close.

"I've knocked on the door a lot and here we are," said Duke, who turned pro in 1994.

He was ranked 144th in the world and was making his 187th start on the PGA Tour.

Duke is the sixth golfer in eight years to get his first PGA Tour win here, joining J.J. Henry (2006), Hunter Mahan (2007), Bubba Watson (2010), Fredrik Jacobson (2011) and Marc Leishman last year.

Canadian Graham DeLaet finished a stroke back in third place. Bubba Watson finished fourth, two-shots behind, after making a six on the par-3 16th hole.

"You gotta believe in yourself in everything you do," Duke said. "That's why those guys at the top are winning week in, week out because they believe they can do it. It's kind of one of those things once you finally do it it might come easier the next time. That's kind of the way I feel."

Duke wouldn't have been



Ken Duke watches his drive on the 18th hole during the final round of the Travelers Championship golf tournament in Cromwell, Conn., Sunday, June 23, 2013. Duke won the tournament on the second playoff hole against Chris Stroud.

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in position to win at all had luck not intervened on the 10th hole, when his ball ricocheted off a tree and onto the green to about 5 feet from the pin, allowing him to make birdie.

After a 17-foot birdie putt on the next hole, he made a 45-footer on the 13th hole, a shot that looked like it might go past the hole to the right, before falling in. He battled Watson for the lead down the back nine, until the former Masters champion found trouble on the 16th.

Watson put his drive into the water and put his next shot over the green. He finished two strokes back in fourth place.

"The wind affected the first shot, and the wind didn't affect the next shot," Watson said.

"I flew it three feet past the hole, which you can't do right now because the greens are so firm."

Duke looked as though he had the tournament sewn up after saving par on 18, despite a tee shot that went well right and onto a hill, and a second shot that went just over the green. He used a putter to put the ball within 2 feet, then sank the putt as the crowd roared what they thought was a winning shot.

It looked even more secure when Stroud's second shot

hit near the stick, but then rolled well off the green. That just set up the dramatic chip shot.

Stroud hit his tee shot over the cart path and 94 yards from the hole on the first playoff hole, while Duke's first shot jumped out of a fairway bunker and into the rough.

Duke bounced his second shot onto the green. Stroud's went into a green-side bunker.

Stroud chipped to 8 feet but had to watch as Green almost sank a long putt that would have ended it. The two both struck the ball well on the second playoff hole, but Stroud missed a 25-foot birdie putt, and Duke made his short putt.

"I had three shots from 94 yards on 18, the exact same yardage, and I could not figure out a way to stop that ball," Stroud said. "Regulation, luckily, I chipped it in."

Watson, Charley Hoffman and DeLaet began the day tied for the lead, but 21 other players were within five strokes.

Webb Simpson shot a 65 to finish at 271, then headed home immediately after his round despite being just a stroke behind the leaders at the time.

He said he knew the score wouldn't be good enough to win. □

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Williams-Sharapova spat in build-up to Wimbledon

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AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — As her agent nodded along approvingly from a front-row seat, Serena Williams sounded contrite and composed. Well-rehearsed, too. Williams even managed to crack herself up with a couple of jokes during her news conference at Wimbledon as the defending champion, where the primary topic was hardly her 31-match winning streak or her bid for a sixth title at the All England Club or her injured sister Venus' absence from the field.

Instead, more than half the questions at Sunday's session revolved around themes generating the most buzz on the eve of tennis' oldest and most prestigious Grand Slam tournament: what Williams was quoted as saying in a recent magazine article — and Maria Sharapova's surprisingly forceful verbal swipe in reaction to that story. "It definitely hasn't been easy," the No. 1-ranked Williams said about the stir created by a Rolling Stone profile posted online Tuesday. "And I feel like I really wanted to say: I apologize for everything that was said in that article."

Williams already had issued a statement expressing regret for remarks about the 16-year-old victim in the Steubenville, Ohio, rape case.

On Sunday, Williams said she approached the No. 3-ranked Sharapova to try to smooth things over by extending an apology at a pre-tournament players' party Thursday. The back-and-forth between two of the sport's most popular and successful women can be traced to a passage where the story's author

surmised that something critical Williams said during a telephone conversation with her sister referred to Sharapova.

But Thursday's interaction didn't end the matter because Sharapova delivered this broadside at her news conference Saturday: "If she wants to talk about something personal, maybe she should talk about her relationship and her boyfriend that was married and is getting a divorce and has kids."

Given a chance to react directly to that swipe 24 hours later, Williams declined, saying: "I definitely was told of (Sharapova's) comments. I definitely like to keep my personal life personal. I think it would be inappropriate for me to comment on it."

All in all, nothing tennis related has drawn nearly as much attention in the run-up to Wimbledon. That might change Monday, when play begins and four-time major champion Sharapova is among those scheduled to be on court, facing 37th-ranked Kristina Mladenovic of France. Also on the schedule: two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka, 2011 Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova, and a matchup between up-and-coming Americans Sloane Stephens and Jamie Hampton. The honor of the year's first match on Centre Court goes to the defending men's champion, Roger Federer.

"You feel very unique, clearly, because you are the one opening the court," said Federer, who will be bidding for a record eighth Wimbledon championship. "I think it's a big deal for, also, the players I've played, who got

the 'unluck' or luck of the draw to play me in that first round."

This time, the recipient of that "unluck" was Victor Hanesu of Romania, who's never made it past the third round in seven previous Wimbledon appearances.

Others playing Monday include No. 2 Andy Murray, the runner-up a year ago; and No. 5 Rafael Nadal, whose 12 Grand Slam titles include two at Wimbledon. Federer could face Nadal in the quarterfinals, with the winner possibly meeting Murray in the semifinals. "I'd rather Rafa and Roger were on the other side of the draw," said Murray, aiming to give Britain its first male champion at Wimbledon since Fred Perry in 1936, "but they're not."

No. 1 Novak Djokovic, meanwhile, is expected to have an easier path through other half of the field and won't get started until Tuesday. That's also when Williams is scheduled to play. □



Maria Sharapova of Russia is watched by a coach during a training session at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Sunday, June 23, 2013. The Championships start Monday, with Serena Williams attempting to win the title for the sixth time. (AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

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Doctors make progress toward 'artificial pancreas'

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Doctors are reporting a major step toward an "artificial pancreas," a device that would constantly monitor blood sugar in people with diabetes and automatically supply insulin as needed. A key component of such a system — an insulin pump programmed to shut down if blood-sugar dips too low while people are sleeping — worked as intended in a three-month study of 247 patients.

This "smart pump," made by Minneapolis-based Medtronic Inc., is already sold in Europe, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is reviewing it now. Whether it also can be programmed to mimic a real pancreas and constantly adjust insulin based on continuous readings from a blood-sugar monitor requires more testing, but doctors say the new study suggests that's a realistic goal.

"This is the first step in the

development of the artificial pancreas," said Dr. Richard Bergenstal, diabetes chief at Park Nicollet, a large clinic in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. "Before we said it's a dream. We have the first part of it now and I really think it will be developed."

He led the company-sponsored study and gave results Saturday at an American Diabetes Association conference in Chicago. They also were published online by the New England

Journal of Medicine.

The study involved people with Type 1 diabetes, the kind usually diagnosed during childhood. About 5 percent of the 26 million Americans with diabetes have this type.

Their bodies don't make insulin, a hormone needed to turn food into energy. That causes high blood-sugar levels and raises the risk for heart disease and many other health problems.

Some people with the more common Type 2 diabetes, the kind linked to obesity, also need insulin and might also benefit from a device like an artificial pancreas. For now, though, it's aimed at people with Type 1 diabetes who must inject insulin several times a day or get it through a pump with a narrow tube that goes under the skin. The pump is about the size of a cellphone and can be worn on a belt or kept in a pocket.

The pumps give a steady amount of insulin, and patients must monitor their sugar levels and give themselves more insulin at meals or whenever needed to keep blood sugar from getting too high.

A big danger is having too much insulin in the body overnight, when blood-sugar levels naturally fall.

People can go into comas, suffer seizures and even die. Parents of children with diabetes often worry so much about this that they sneak into their bedrooms at night to check their child's blood-sugar monitor.

In the study, all patients had sensors that continuously monitored their blood sugar. Half of them had ordinary insulin pumps and the others had pumps programmed to stop supplying insulin for two hours when blood-sugar fell to a certain threshold.

Over three months, low-sugar episodes were reduced by about one-third in people using the pump with the shut-off feature. Importantly, these people had no cases of severely low blood sugar — the most dangerous kind that require medical aid or help from another person. There were four cases in the group using the standard pump. "As a first step, I think we should all be very excited that it works," an independent expert, Dr. Irl Hirsch of the University of Washington in Seattle, said of the programmable pump. The next step is to test having it turn off sooner, before sugar falls so much, and to have it automatically supply insulin to prevent high blood sugar, too. Dr. Anne Peters, a diabetes specialist at the University of Southern California, said the study "represents a major step forward" for an artificial pancreas.

One participant, Spears Mallis, 34, a manager for a cancer center in Gainesville, Georgia, wishes these devices were available now. He typically gets low-sugar about 8 to 10 times a week, at least once a week while he's asleep.

"I would set an alarm in the middle of the night just to be sure I was OK. That will cause you to not get a good night of rest," he said.

His "smart pump" stopped giving insulin several times during the study when his sugar fell low, and he wasn't always aware of it.



The MiniMed Integrated System device, which doctors are reporting as a major step toward an "artificial pancreas." The device that would constantly monitor blood sugar in people with diabetes and automatically supply insulin as needed. According to the company-sponsored study announced Saturday, June 22, 2013 at an American Diabetes Association conference in Chicago the device worked as intended in a three-month study of 247 patients.

(AP Photo/Medtronic)

Healthcare: Why a penalty may look tempting

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Often, when the government wants you to do something, it makes you pay if you don't.

That would seem to be the case with "Obamacare," which penalizes companies for not providing health care. But in that penalty, there could be a paradoxical result: dropping health coverage could save companies a lot of money.

Once new health insurance exchanges are up and running in October, companies with 50 or more full-time employees will face a choice: provide affordable care to all full-time employees or pay a pen-

alty. But that penalty is only \$2,000 a person, excluding the first 30 employees. With an employer's contribution to family health coverage now averaging \$11,429 a year, taking that penalty would seem to yield big savings.

Yet there may be costs in employee satisfaction, especially if companies don't raise pay enough to keep workers whole when they buy insurance on the exchanges.

"No one wants to drop health insurance and have unhappy employees," says Rick Wald, who heads Deloitte's employer health care consulting practice. Few experts see immedi-



Once new health insurance exchanges begin under Obamacare, many companies may save money by dropping coverage and paying the law's penalty. (Minh Uong/The New York Times)

ate, big changes to existing employer-sponsored coverage. But that may change in time.

A generation ago, defined-benefit pensions were prevalent. Not so today.

So why did the government set the penalty at \$2,000?

Policy experts don't agree on the rationale, and the White House didn't respond to requests for comment. Perhaps the intent was to start a gradual shift from employer-sponsored coverage to the new exchanges. Or maybe the low amount was a compromise needed to pass the law. □



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Review:

Instagram video power a savvy move by Facebook

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If you think Instagram snapshots of lunch plates, drooling babies and random desk objects are exciting, just wait until your friends start posting 15-second videos. You won't have to wait long. On Thursday, Facebook's popular Instagram photo-sharing app added a video feature. Much like its competitor Vine, which is owned by Twitter, Instagram now lets you record and share short videos using a few taps of a finger on a mobile device.

Most people don't do this. Vine has just 13 million users (one-tenth of Instagram's user base), and no other video-sharing apps have attracted mass appeal. Part of the reason: technical limitations. Instagram co-founder Kevin Systrom said during the service's unveiling that the video feature was initially left out of Instagram because the "speed, simplicity and beauty" the creators strived for in the app "were definitely possible with photos — but it was really hard for video."

It's easier now. Internet connections have become faster, and mobile phones are snappier and equipped with better cameras. And as Systrom promised, Instagram's video feature is certainly simple. Download the latest version on your iPhone or Android device. Open it and tap the camera icon on the bottom of the screen. This will take you to a new screen with a video cam-

era icon. Another tap and you're ready to go.

You can record whatever your heart desires. The videos don't have to be shot in one take. Lift your finger and the recording stops until you tap the icon again. Writing about the feature is actually more complicated than using it.

The finger-tap recording feature that Vine fans are familiar with works well with Instagram, especially for patient videographers. Tap-stop-tap your way through recording a puppet show or a piece of cake being eaten and you'll have yourself a 15-second stop-motion animation clip — or shorter if you wish.

One of my biggest complaints with Vine is that many of the videos I took using the app are shaky. To address problems like this, Instagram has added a "cinema" feature that stabilizes the videos. Unfortunately, it only works on the iPhone 4S or higher, and it's not yet available on Android.

As for speed, videos my friends posted on Instagram loaded fairly quickly, though not as fast as photos. Sometimes they wouldn't play, possibly due to a less-than-ideal connection in our office. A small video camera icon differentiates the videos from photos on Instagram. You can view a video by tapping its icon. The problem is that tapping is also a shortcut for "liking" a video or photo.

Systrom's third aspiration, beauty, is harder to gauge. □

Ways to make your online tracks much harder for others to follow

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There are few secrets in our digital worlds.

Many details about us can be — and often are — tracked, collected, collated and analyzed. Companies mine personal information in the name of profit. Government authorities mine it in the name of security.

Privacy advocates say most Americans do not know they are being tracked. That is why, these experts argue, new laws and policies should be adopted to limit data collection, increase transparency and protect everyone's privacy. Otherwise, some people will take steps to protect themselves and others won't.

"Do we really want a cadre of people who protect themselves, a privacy elite? What does that make everyone else? Easy pickings?" said Frank Pasquale, a professor at Seton Hall School of Law who is writing a book on technology called "The Black Box Society." "I think self-help is a complete myth. There is no good self-defense."

The only real way to avoid data profiling would be to go off the grid. No Internet. No mobile phones. No credit cards. Basically, none of the conveniences and connectivity of modern life. That isn't an option for most of us. But there are ways to minimize our digital footprints and at least nominally impede government or commercial surveillance. Here are a few of them:

Lose the smartphone: Alexei Miagkov, a leading product engineer for Ghostery, a free browser

extension that lets Internet users track and control third-party data collection, carries a 5-year-old "dumb phone," the kind that can make calls, send text messages — and that's about it. Smartphones, he says, are de facto tracking devices. "If you think about a smartphone, it's a little computer in your pocket, and it's always connected,"



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(Chi Birmingham/The New York Times)

he said. Using a low-tech phone "reduces my footprint, my privacy exposure, because I don't have unknown third parties collecting my information."

Use ghost email: Dan Auerbach, a staff technologist at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital rights group in San Francisco, uses a variety of email addresses, some of them fake, to help obfuscate his online activities.

That is because companies can share people's email addresses, he says, allowing some analytics or marketing companies to connect the activities of a person who logs in with the same email address across many sites. If users register for a service using

addresses containing their real names or variations of their names, companies might be able to connect those address with those people's identities.

"I think it's common to be wary of giving out your personal information for every single service," Auerbach said. "If you are going to give me a sign-up form, I am going to give you a bogus answer back. I think that's a perfectly legitimate thing to do."

Crush the cookies: When a person goes online, companies like ad networks and data brokers might use cookies — bits of code — and other techniques to track that user around the Web. Jonathan Mayer, a graduate student in computer science and law at Stanford, employs an arsenal of cookie countermeasures.

Mayer turns on private browsing mode, a setting that prevents the browser from storing information about websites visited during a particular online session. He has also installed free browser extensions, like Adblock Plus, that allow him to block ads and disable online tracking. These programs can also be used to disable buttons from social networks like Facebook and Google Plus, preventing the networks from following a user's online activities from site to site.

"I don't want companies I never heard of to know what I am doing on the Web," Mayer said.

Even with services he does use, he said, "I would like not to have everything I look for be correlated, what articles I read, the videos I watch." □

Smart Investing:

Venture capital blends more data-crunching into targets

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SAN FRANCISCO - Here is how the venture capital game used to be played around here:

Google, that apotheosis of our data-driven economy, wants to approach the high-stakes business of investing in the next, well, Google. Unlike venture

Google Ventures and its take on investing represent a new formula for the venture capital business, and skeptics say it will never capture the chemistry

at least for now: Since its founding in 2009, Google Ventures has stood out in an industry that, for all its star power, has been dealing its investors a bad hand. In recent years, an investor would have done better with a ho-hum mutual fund that tracks the stock market than with some splashy VC fund. Venture capital funds posted an annual average return of 6.9 percent from 2002 to 2012, trailing major stock indexes, according to Cambridge Associates.

Google Ventures, like all venture funds, does not publicly reveal returns. But its partners can count on one hand the number of its 170 investments that have failed, though it is too early to know how many will succeed, and it has missed investing in some superstar companies. Its successes include companies that have gone public, like HomeAway for vacation rentals and Silver Spring Networks for smart grid software, and startups sold to Google, Yahoo, Facebook and Twitter.

Whether Big Data - that label for technology and decision-making that is upending so many businesses - can truly transform the industry that helped spawn it remains to be seen. Few deny that crunching data is increasingly important. But some insist that those old intangibles, like instinct and luck, are still paramount.

"VCs, just like all of our portfolio companies, need to be analytically intuitive in the modern era of data analytics," said Matt McIlwain, managing director of Madrona Venture Group, which has invested in companies like Amazon.com and Redfin, the real estate site. "But the intuition part is ultimately the biggest factor. And even with all that, a little good luck goes a long way."

Google Ventures was the first major firm to rely heavily on data. Since then, established funds like Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers,

Sequoia Capital and Y Combinator have followed suit, and new firms like the Ironstone Group and Palo Alto Venture Science have been created to test the strategy.

Many venture capitalists agree that something needs to change. In the tech industry, where engineers believe any problem can be solved with data, the solution seemed obvious.

"If you can't measure and quantify it, how can you hope to start working on a solution?" said Bill Maris, managing partner of Google Ventures. "We have access to the world's largest data sets you can imagine, our cloud computer infrastructure is the biggest ever. It would be foolish to just go out and make gut investments."

Google Ventures has \$1.5 billion under management - a pittance in the wider world of Google, which made \$50 billion in revenue last year. It employs seven people who gather data, analyze it and present the results to the investors. Jerome H. Friedman, a prominent statistician at Stanford who writes papers with names like "Data Mining, Inference and Prediction," consults for a few hours a week.

The firm feeds its algorithms data gleaned from academic literature, past experience and due diligence about startups and their founders. Even college dropouts who have never started a company have a quantifiable track record, Maris said.

Google declined to reveal its secret sauce - the algorithms it uses to parse the data. But it has learned a few lessons.

Here's a riddle from Graham Spencer, a general partner at Google Ventures who oversees its data work: Is it better to invest in someone who started a company in a mediocre year for returns and did well, or started one in a good year with mediocre results? □



Bill Maris, right, managing partner of Google Ventures, and Graham Spencer, a general partner, at the company's offices in Mountain View, Calif. Since its founding in 2009, Google Ventures has stood out in an industry whose track record has trailed the stock markets at large.

(Annie Tritt/The New York Times)

A friend calls a friend who knows a guy. A meeting is taken. Wine is drunk (at, say, Madera lounge in Menlo Park). A business plan? Sure, whatever. But how does it feel?

This is decidedly not how

capitalists of old, the company's rising VC arm focuses not on the art of the deal, but on the science of the deal. First, data is collected, collated, analyzed. Only then does the money start to flow.

- or, perhaps, the magic - of Silicon Valley. Would computer algorithms have bankrolled David Packard or Steve Jobs? Foreseen the folly of Pets.com?

The data provides one answer to those questions,

Employers testing medical spending cap

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Hoping to cut medical costs, employers are experimenting with a new way to pay for health care, telling workers that their company health plan will pay only a fixed amount for a given test or procedure, like a CT scan or knee replacement. Employees who choose a doctor or hospital that charges more are responsible for paying the additional amount themselves. Although it is in the early stages, the strategy is gaining in popularity and there is some evidence that it has persuaded high-priced hospitals to lower their prices.

In California, a large plan for public employees has been especially aggressive

in using the tactic, and the results are being watched closely by employers and hospital systems elsewhere. Under the program, some employees are being given the choice of going to one of 54 hospitals, including well-known medical centers like Cedars-Sinai and Stanford University Hospital, that have agreed to charge no more than \$30,000 for a hip or knee replacement. Prices for the surgery normally vary widely in the state, with hospitals billing from \$15,000 to \$110,000 for the same operation, a spread that is typical for much of the nation.

"It's a symptom of the completely irrational pricing structure hospitals have," said Ann Boynton,

a benefits executive for the California Public Employees' Retirement System, known as CalPERS, which worked with the insurer Anthem Blue Cross, a unit of WellPoint, to introduce the program.

Overall costs for surgeries under the program fell 19 percent in 2011, the program's first year, with the average amount it paid hospitals for a joint replacement falling to \$28,695, from \$35,408, according to an analysis by WellPoint's researchers that was released Sunday at a health policy conference.

The study found no impact on quality of care.

"It's a race to value," said Dr. Samuel R. Nussbaum, the chief medical officer for WellPoint. □

Israel Cabinet approves export of 40% of its gas

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JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli Cabinet on Sunday approved exporting 40 percent of Israel's new-found natural gas reserves, keeping a larger amount for local consumption than originally expected. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his Cabinet the decision struck a balance between domestic needs and the concerns of the exploration companies that will drill for gas underneath the Mediterranean Sea.

"It ensures the needs of the citizens of the state of Israel, both by filling the state coffers with considerable funds from exports and by supplying the local market with cheap energy," Netanyahu said.

Last year, an advisory panel proposed exporting just over half of the country's gas, sparking protests by Israelis who said the country should keep most of its reserves to reduce energy prices at home.

Israel began pumping gas from the large Tamar field off its coast earlier this year. It is expected to begin exporting when a second, larger field goes online in 2016. The consortium that has developed the fields, led by U.S. company Noble Energy, did not immediately comment on Sunday's decision. In the past, it has said it would have preferred the larger export levels. Hebrew University professor Eytan Sheshinski, an expert on energy policy, said that despite the export numbers, he expected the energy companies to be satisfied with Sunday's decision.

"When the dust settles, they can live with this decision, and I think it didn't cross their red line," said Sheshinski, who headed a committee that gave policy recommendations to the Israeli government in 2010 on taxing natural gas exports. Sunday's decision reserved 540 billion cubic meters of natural gas for the domestic market. □

Hostess:

Twinkies to return to shelves July 15

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AP Food Industry Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Hostess is betting on a sweet comeback for its Twinkies snack cakes when they return to store shelves next month. The company that went bankrupt after an acrimonious fight with its unionized workers last year is back up and running under new owners and a leaner structure. It says it plans to have Twinkies and other snack cakes back on shelves starting July 15. Based on the outpouring

snacks. Hostess Brands Inc. was struggling for years before it filed for bankruptcy reorganization in early 2012. Workers blamed the troubles on years of mismanagement, as well as a failure of executives to invest in brands to keep up with changing tastes. The company said it was weighed down by higher pension and medical costs than its competitors, whose employees weren't unionized. To steer it through its bankruptcy reorganization,

chunks to different buyers. Its major bread brands including Wonder were sold to Flowers Foods, which makes Tastykakes. McKee Foods, which makes Little Debbie snack cakes, snapped up Drake's Cake, which includes Devil Dogs and Yodels. Metropoulos & Co. and Apollo bought Twinkies and other Hostess cakes for \$410 million. Apollo Global Management, founded by Leon Black, is known for buying troubled brands then

pany. Some of the previous workers were hired back, but they're no longer unionized.

Hostess will also now deliver to warehouses that supply retailers, rather than delivering directly to stores, said Rich Seban, the president of Hostess who previously served as chief operating officer. That will greatly expand its reach, letting it deliver to dollar stores and nearly all convenience stores in the U.S.

Previously, he said Hostess was only able to reach about a third of the country's 150,000 convenience stores.

Production was also consolidated, from 11 bakery plants to four — one each in Georgia, Kansas, Illinois and Indiana. The headquarters were moved from Texas to Kansas City, Missouri, where Hostess was previously based and still had some accounting offices.

In the months since they vanished from shelves, the cakes have been getting a few touchups as well. For the CupCakes, the company is now using dark cocoa instead of milk chocolate to give them a richer, darker appearance.

Seban stressed that the changes were to improve the cakes, not to cut costs. Prices for the cakes will remain the same; a box of 10 Twinkies will cost \$3.99.

Looking ahead, Seban sees Hostess expanding its product lineup. He noted that Hostess cakes are known for three basic textures: the spongy cake, the creamy filling and the thicker icing. "We can have some fun with that mixture," he said. He also said there are many trendy health attributes the company could tap into, such as gluten-free, added fiber, low sugar and low sodium.

During bankruptcy proceedings, Hostess had said that its overall sales had been declining, although the company didn't give a breakout on the performance of individual brands. □



This undated image provided by Hostess Brands LLC shows a box of Twinkies. Twinkies will be back on shelves by July 15, 2013, after its predecessor company went bankrupt after an acrimonious fight with unions last year. The brands have since been purchased by Metropoulos & Co. and Apollo Global Management.

(AP Photo/Hostess Brands)

of nostalgia sparked by its demise, Hostess is expecting a blockbuster return next month for Twinkies and other sugary treats, such as CupCakes and Donettes. The company says the cakes will taste the same but that the boxes will now bear the tag line "The Sweetest Comeback In The History Of Ever."

"A lot of impostor products have come to the market while Hostess has been off the shelves," says Daren Metropoulos, a principal of the investment firm Metropoulos & Co., which teamed up with Apollo Global Management to buy a variety of Hostess

Hostess hired restructuring expert Greg Rayburn as its CEO. But Rayburn ultimately failed to reach a contract agreement with its second largest union. In November, he blamed striking workers for crippling the company's ability to maintain normal production and announced that Hostess would liquidate. The shuttering triggered a rush on Hostess snack cakes, with stores selling out of the most popular brands within hours. About 15,000 unionized workers lost their jobs in the aftermath.

In unwinding its business, Hostess sold off its brands in

selling them for a profit; its investments include fast-food chains Carl's Jr. and Hardee's. Metropoulos & Co., which has revamped and then sold off brands including Chef Boyardee and Bumble Bee, also owns Pabst Brewing Co. That could mean some cross-promotional marketing is in store.

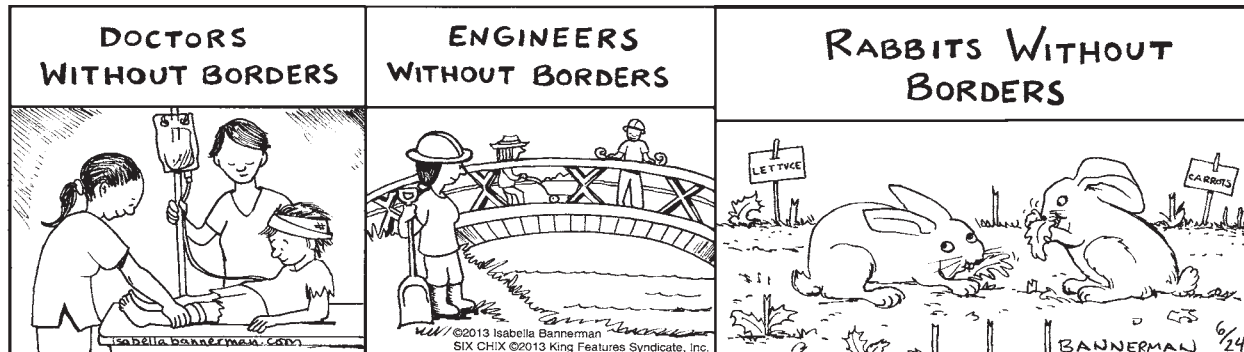
"There is certainly a natural association with the two," Metropoulos said. "There could be some opportunities for them to seen together."

The trimmed-down Hostess Brands LLC has a far less costly operating structure than the predecessor com-

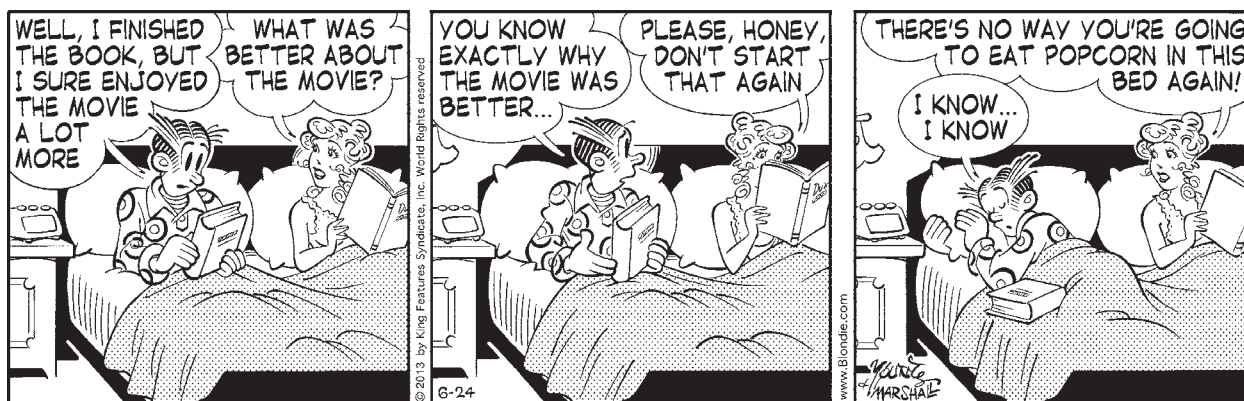
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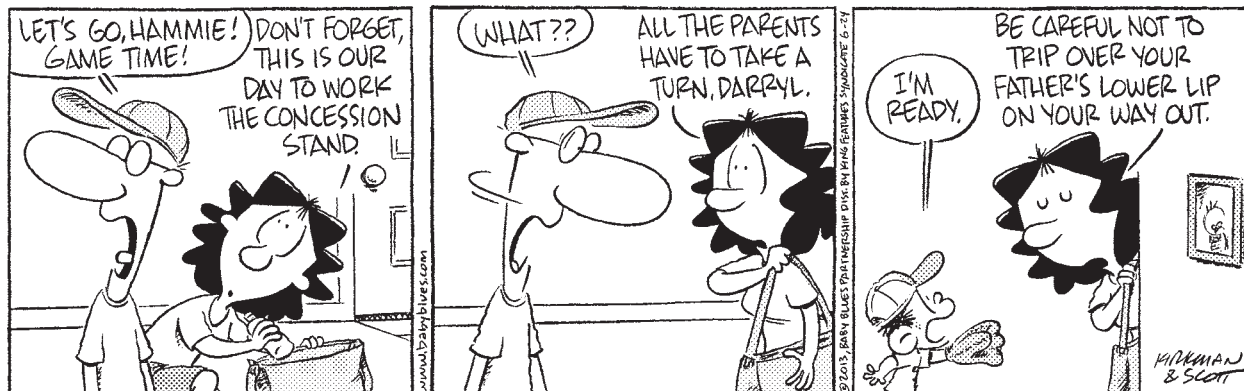
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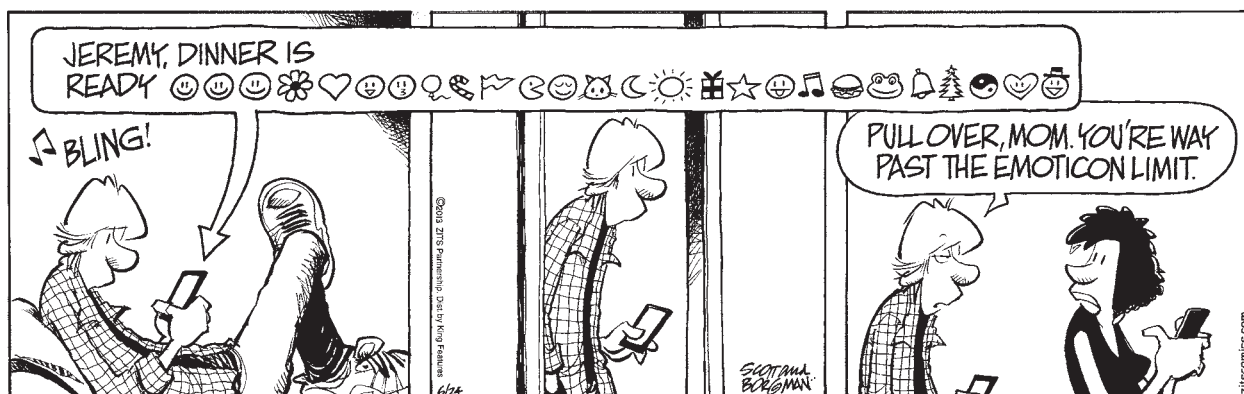
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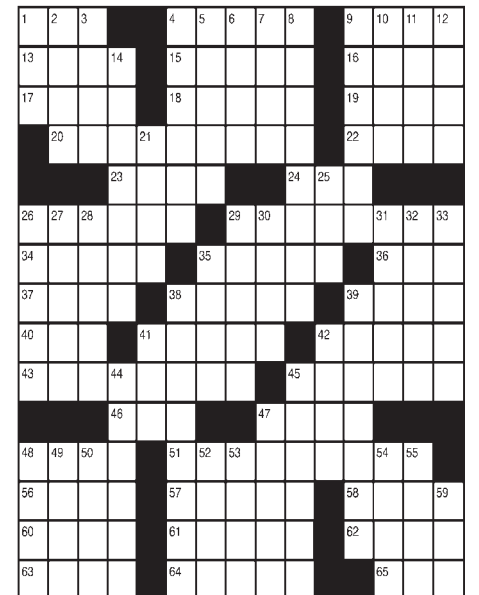
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

6	1	7	5	3	9	4	2	8
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4	5	8	3	9	1	2	7	6
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ACROSS

- Also
- Neighbor of Montana
- Guacamole and salsa, e.g.
- Landers and Richards
- Gerald Ford's predecessor
- Resound
- Whiplash site
- Cherish; hold dear
- Bride's head covering
- Mariners
- Sit and let the car engine run
- Orderly
- "... a Small World"
- Baseball official
- Lucille Ball and Molly Ringwald, for example
- ... cats and dogs; pours
- Check recipient
- Lion's lair
- Crooner
- Crosby
- ... up; in a row
- Trait carrier
- Fire ...
- stinging insect
- Melodies
- Memory ...; bit of forgetfulness
- Beginner
- Placard
- Truly; verily
- Clippety-...
- Breathe heavily
- Financially profitable
- Ogden's state
- Sir ... Newton
- Bookish fellow
- Unexceptional
- Perceive; feel
- Singer Lady ...
- Reach across
- Long lock of hair
- Hit a tennis ball in a high arc



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- Light brown
- Singles
- "... upon a time..."
- Enter uninvited & then overrun
- Daily journal
- Wheel rod
- Sixty minutes
- Unfair; biased
- Dream up; invent
- Frosted
- TV's Dr. ...
- Shoe bottom
- Rollerblading
- Evergreens
- Definite article
- Name for eight popes
- Northeast U.S. state
- Horse with a splotchy coat
- Stove
- Peepers
- Skillful
- Crowded; thick

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AKIN	INANE	EGGS
NETS	LEMON	SHOT

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- Derisive smile
- Half-quart
- Patriot
- Struggling to breathe
- That girl
- Plunder
- Large snake
- Locations
- Vulgar; crude
- Cat
- Perched upon
- Space agcy.
- Consumer
- Walking stick
- Calf meat
- Consequently
- Small amount

Texas auction house sells KFC founder's suit

ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press
DALLAS (AP) — The president and chief executive of Kentucky Fried Chicken Japan purchased the trademark white suit worn by company founder "Colonel" Harland Sanders at auction Saturday for \$21,510 — then promptly tried it on.

Masao "Charlie" Watanabe grinned while putting on the suit jacket and black string tie at the Heritage Auctions event, standing beneath a photograph of Sanders. He had already planned to attend a company marketing meeting in Dallas, but arrived early after he found out about the auction, he said.

Watanabe was one of hundreds of in-person, telephone and online bidders vying for various items, including a gun belt owned by legendary outlaw Jesse James and leg irons that restrained abolitionist John Brown.

Watanabe also bought a mini-collection of Sanders' memorabilia — including his 1973 Kentucky driver's license — for \$1,912.

Sanders is a popular figure

in Japan, and most KFC restaurants there have statues of him in front, Watanabe said. He plans to display the suit at a restaurant in Tokyo.

"Every child in Japan knows

cooking meals for travelers who stopped at his gas station, according to his biography on the KFC website. Earlier Saturday, the leg irons used on Brown after his failed 1859 raid on a

federal arsenal in Harpers Ferry, W. Va., sold for \$13,145. The winning bidder declined to be identified.

Many scholars believe Brown and his raid hastened the start of the Civil War as he tried to end slavery. The Connecticut native and some followers seized the arsenal, hoping to provide 100,000 weapons to slaves who never joined them. Brown later was hanged for treason, murder and inciting a rebellion. □



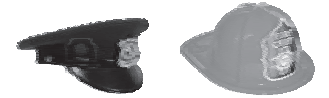
Masao "Charlie" Watanabe, president and chief executive of Kentucky Fried Chicken Japan, stands beneath a portrait of company founder "Colonel" Harland Sanders on Saturday, June 22, 2013, at Heritage Auctions in Dallas. Watanabe is wearing Sanders' trademark white suit jacket and black string tie after he purchased them at the auction, which featured other items, including leg irons that restrained abolitionist John Brown.
(AP Photo/Angela K. Brown)

Colonel Sanders' face and his uniform," Watanabe told The Associated Press through a translator. Sanders was named a "Kentucky colonel" by the state's governor in 1935, five years after he began

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Making a pit-stop on the road to clean fuel

DIANE CARDWELL

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Starting when they became friends in freshman year at Emory University in Atlanta, Jonathan S. Wolfson and Harrison F. Dillon would take off into the mountains of Wyoming and Colorado for weeks at a time. They spent their days hiking in the wilderness and their nights drinking bourbon by the campfire, talking big about how one day they would build a company that would help preserve the environment they both loved.

They graduated, and the backpacking trips grew shorter and further between. Dillon went on to earn a doctorate in genetics and a law degree, and ended up working as a biotech patent lawyer in Silicon Valley. Wolfson received law and business degrees from New York University and eventually started a software business. But the two still got together every year. And they kept talking about the company that, they imagined as time went on, would use biotechnology to create renewable energy.

"These were delusional rantings of kids," said Wolfson, who, like Dillon, is now 42.

Then Dillon found micro-

algae, and delusional became real. Microalgae, a large and diverse group of single-celled plants, produce a variety of substances, including oils, and are thought to be responsible for most of the fossilized oil deposits in the earth. These, it seemed, were microorganisms with potential. With prodding, they could be re-engineered to make fuel.

So in 2003, Wolfson packed up and moved from New York to Palo Alto, Calif., where Dillon lived. They started a company called Solazyme. In mythical Valley tradition, they worked in Dillon's garage, growing algae in test tubes. And they found a small knot of investors attracted by the prospect of compressing a multimillion-year process into a matter of days.

Now, a decade later, they have released into the marketplace their very first algae-derived oil produced at a commercial scale. Yet the destination for this oil - pale, odorless and dispensed from a small matte-gold bottle with an eyedropper - is not gas tanks, but the faces of women worried about their aging skin.

Sold under the brand name Algenist, the product, costing \$79 for a one-ounce

bottle, would seem to have nothing in common with oil refineries and transportation fuel. But along with other niche products that the company can sell at a premium, it may be just the thing that lets Solazyme coast past the point where

For years, policymakers, environmentalists and entrepreneurs have trumpeted the promise of harnessing the power of the sun, wind, waves, municipal solid waste or, now, algae. There has been some success. Since 2007, U.S. energy

But the gains have been punctuated with prominent failures. Once-promising clean-tech ventures that attracted hundreds of millions in federal support - like the solar panel maker Solyndra, the cellulosic ethanol maker Range Fu-



Diesel fuel derived from algae is poured into the tank of a vehicle at Solazyme, in South San Francisco, Calif. Solazyme, a start-up, wants to turn oil derived from algae into an alternative fuel, but to fund the effort, it is first putting the oil to use in other products.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

so many other clean-tech companies have run out of gas: the so-called Valley of Death, where young businesses stall trying to shift to commercial-scale production.

consumption from renewable sources has grown nearly 35 percent, and now accounts for about 9 percent of the total, according to the Energy Information Administration.

els and the battery supplier A123 Systems - have failed. While ethanol, derived from crops like corn and sugar cane, has become a multibillion-dollar industry, it threatens to drive up the price of those plants for food and cannot yet replace conventional fuel. The next generation of bio-fuels, based on nonfood plants, is still struggling to take off.

"We continue to tell this alternative story about this very interesting ingredient that's come from a very unlikely source in the world of skin care," said Claudia Lucas, director of beauty merchandising at QVC.

Whether the company can build a profitable business is an open question. Analysts say it has amassed an impressive list of industrial partners and investors - including Chevron - but its operating figures suggest there is still more promise than delivery. Last year, the company had a net loss of \$83 million on \$44 million in sales. □

Creating a wearable alert to head injuries

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Hard knocks to the head are a constant concern in contact sports - and not just in football or boxing, where recent attention has focused. Millions of girls and boys play hockey, soccer, lacrosse and other sports where blows to the head from collisions and falls are part of the game, even in youth leagues and on high school teams.

Head injuries can come from a single jarring impact during a game, or from a series of smaller jolts. In the midst of play, though, many blows aren't necessarily easy to spot by coaches, physicians or parents in attendance.

A crop of new lightweight

devices that athletes can wear on the field might help people on sidelines keep better track of hits to players' heads during games and practice sessions. The devices, packed with sensors and microprocessors, register a blow to a player's skull and immediately signal the news by blinking brightly, or by sending a wireless alert. Athletes can wear the devices pressed tightly to their heads, held in place by a headband within a beanie, for example, or even by an adhesive patch and Velcro. Many of the systems are in research and development, but a few products are coming to the market this summer, including the CheckLight, a wash-

able beanie created jointly by MC10 and Reebok. The beanie has an electronics module tucked inside it; a blow to the head sets off an LED readout on the outside. It starts blinking in yellow if the impact is moderate, or red if it is severe. The CheckLight can be worn under a helmet for football or hockey, or by itself for soccer and other helmet-free sports. An MC10 spokeswoman said it would be available later this month at the Reebok website (\$150).

Another sensor, the X-Patch from X2 Biosystems in Seattle, attached directly to a player's head, sends data about hits wirelessly to the sidelines. The product will be out this fall, said Chris-

toph Mack, X2's CEO, who did not disclose the price. Dr. Robert C. Cantu, a neurosurgery professor at the Boston University School of Medicine and medical director of the Sports Legacy Institute, which is seeking to prevent brain trauma in athletes, says he has looked into many of the new sensors as they have been developed. He's in favor of them.

"They give you a rough estimate of total number of hits to the head the person has taken," information of great importance to coaches, parents and athletes themselves, he said. "You don't want to get a high number of hits," he said, "because there is no hit that is good for your head." □

Cute 'Monsters' beat out zombies, Clark Kent at box office

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Turns out zombies and Superman are no match for monsters. Disney's "Monsters University" is the weekend box-office winner, according to studio estimates released Sunday.

The animated family film, which reunites stars Billy Crystal and John Goodman and their characters from the 2001 hit "Monsters, Inc.," debuted in first place with \$82 million, beating out swarming zombies in "World War Z" and Superman himself in "Man of Steel."

"The diversity of this weekend is part of what makes this business so great," said Dave Hollis, Disney's head of distribution. "It's a really extraordinary weekend for the industry."

Especially for "Monsters University," Pixar's 14th consecutive film to open in first place. Such expectations of excellence put

a "healthy pressure" on filmmakers, Hollis said: "To deliver that kind of quality consistently is a differentiator in the marketplace."

Still, the film exceeded studio expectations with its domestic totals, he said. Paramount's Brad Pitt zombie romp overcame critical advance publicity to open in second place with \$66 million.

Media reports months ahead of the film's opening chronicled its problems, including a revamped ending that delayed its release. Rewrites and reshoots sent the film over budget. It ended up reportedly costing more than \$200 million to make, but early reviews were positive.

"What 'World War Z' proves is that all the negative backstory that can be thrown at a movie doesn't matter if the movie's good," said Paul Dergarabedian of box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

"I don't think the audience

cares one lick if they had to reshoot the ending if they like the ending and like the movie."

"spectacular."

"It's the biggest live-action original opening since 'Avatar,'" he said. "(It's)

chise opening in the history of the company."

Warner Bros.

"Man of Steel" was third at



This film publicity image released by Disney-Pixar shows a scene from "Monsters University."

(AP Photo/Disney-Pixar)

The success of the film means it could be a franchise in the making. Paramount's president of domestic distribution, Don Harris, called the opening

Brad Pitt's biggest opening ever, and in terms of Paramount's recent history, it ranks behind 'Iron Man' and 'Transformers' as the third largest potential fran-

the box office, adding another \$41.2 million to its coffers and bringing its domestic ticket sales over \$210 million in just the second week of release. □

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Beau on trial for murder in NY designer's death

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NEW YORK (AP) — Sylvie Cachay, a promising New York fashion designer, had a dangerous chemistry with her playboy boyfriend, the son of an Academy Award-winning composer. They were only together six months, but they fought like crazy and made up the same way, friends say. But on Dec. 9, 2010, Cachay's body was found in an overflowing bathtub at a members-only hotel in the Meatpacking District, among the trendiest neighborhoods in the city. She was dressed in a thick black sweater and pink and blue underwear. The faucet was on full blast. Her boyfriend, Nicholas Brooks, was absent — she was discovered by hotel workers responding to a leaky ceiling in the room below. But his DNA was on the faucet, prosecutors said.

The case was a tabloid sensation. "Death at the Soho House: Beauty in the Bath," read the New York Post cover. Brooks, 25, is now on trial for murder after prosecutors said he strangled the 33-year-old inside the

Soho House hotel room because she tried to end their tumultuous relationship. The case is expected to go on until early July. Brooks has pleaded not guilty. His defense attorney Jeffrey Hoffman suggested Cachay drowned accidentally, passing out from an overdose of prescription pills she took to treat migraines and fibromyalgia, a disorder that causes widespread pain in the body. He said investigators rushed to arrest Brooks because they needed a fast suspect in the high-profile killing that became national news.

"There had to be immediate satisfaction to the press and to the publicity," Hoffman said. The two were introduced by a friend in 2010, and were on one of their first dates when Cachay's teacup poodle Pepper was run over by a car. She had to euthanize the dog, and Brooks comforted her. The trauma bonded them, her friends said. But the two were constantly on-again, off-again. Cachay didn't like that they would drink too much together, her friends testified.

"Their relationship seemed very passionate, both in a good way and also in a bad way," her friend and personal trainer Cheri Fogelman testified. "Some-

Nick," she texted Fogelman in late November. A few days later she said: "Nick still around."

Brooks was "a young man from a privileged back-

is the son of "You Light Up My Life" composer Joseph Brooks, himself arrested in 2009 on rape charges in a casting couch scheme. The elder Brooks killed himself in



Sylvia Cachay, mother of Sylvie Cachay, speaks to the media outside State Supreme court in New York as her husband Antonio Cachay, right, looks on. New York City fashion designer Sylvie Cachay was found dead on found Dec. 9, 2010, in a swanky hotel room's overflowing bathtub.

(AP Photo/Louis Lanzano)

times they were really happy together and sometimes it was really bad, angry hurtful and hard to deal with," she said.

"I think I just broke up with

ground who liked to party," Arnold said. He was unemployed, dropped out of college and had a penchant for escorts and marijuana, prosecutors said. He

2011, his body found with a plastic bag over his head in his Manhattan apartment. Cachay was the daughter of Peru-born parents and grew up with her brother near Arlington, Virginia. Her father was a physician. She studied fashion in college and worked as a designer for Marc Jacobs, Victoria's Secret and Tommy Hilfiger before she opened her own swimsuit line, Sylva, in 2006. But the line struggled during the recession, and closed two years later.

Fogelman and others said the couple seemed mismatched and not only because of the nine-year age difference. Cachay was vibrant, outgoing. Brooks was brooding and often unfriendly, her friends testified. But he could also be deeply romantic, penning a sincere love letter to the designer after she threatened to break up with him. "I want you to know that my love for you only grows more and more each day," he wrote, according to the Daily News of New York, saying he would make her the happiest "wife, mother and sister in the world" if she allowed him to prove his love to her. □

Funeral plans set for actor James Gandolfini



A person stretches to make a photograph of flowers taped to a pole, as a memorial to actor James Gandolfini, outside Satin Dolls, in Lodi, N.J., at the club known as the Bada Bing Club on the HBO series "The Sopranos." Gandolfini was mourned in the northern New Jersey towns where his TV character Tony Soprano lived, loved and whacked people. Gandolfini died last week in Italy of an apparent heart attack. He was 51.

(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

NEW YORK (AP) — Funeral services for actor James Gandolfini will be Thursday at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in New York City.

An HBO spokeswoman speaking on behalf of the family says the funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m.

The 51-year-old star of "The Sopranos" died Wednesday in Rome. Family spokesman Michael Kobold says Gandolfini died of a heart attack.

The Italian news agency ANSA reports Gandolfini's body departed Rome for the United States on Sunday. Kobold earlier told reporters the "provisional plan" was to repatriate Gandolfini's body Monday.

The actor had been headed to Sicily to appear at the Taormina Film Festival, which paid tribute to him Saturday. □

The Humanist Vocation



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A half-century ago, 14 percent of college degrees were awarded to people who majored in the humanities. Today, only 7 percent of graduates in the country are humanities majors. Even over the past decade alone, the number of incoming students at Harvard who express interest in becoming humanities majors has dropped by a third. Most people give an economic explanation for this decline. Accounting majors get jobs. Lit majors don't. And there's obviously some truth to this. But the humanities are not only being bulldozed by an unforgiving job market. They are committing suicide because many humanists have lost faith in their own enterprise.

Back when the humanities were thriving, the leading figures had a clear definition of their mission and a fervent passion for it. The job of the humanities was to cultivate the human core, the part of a person we might call the spirit, the soul, or, in D.H. Lawrence's phrase, "the dark vast forest."

This was the most inward and elemental part of a person. When you go to a funeral and hear a eulogy, this is usually the part they are talking about. Eulogies aren't résumés. They describe the person's care, wisdom, truthfulness and courage. They describe the million little moral judgments that emanate from that inner region.

The humanist's job was to cultivate this ground - imposing intellectual order upon it, educating the emotions with art in order to refine it, offering inspiring exemplars to get it properly oriented.

Somewhere along the way, many people in the humanities lost faith in this uplifting mission. The humanities turned from an inward to an outward focus. They were less about the old notions of truth, beauty and goodness and more about political and social categories like race, class and gender. Liberal arts professors grew more moralistic when talking about politics but more tentative about private morality because they didn't want to offend anybody.

To the earnest 19-year-old with lofty dreams of self-understanding and moral greatness, the humanities in this guise were bound to seem less consequential and more boring.

So now the humanities are in crisis. Rescuers are stepping forth. On Thursday, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences released a report called "The Heart of the Matter," making the case for the humanities and social sciences. (I was a member of this large commission, although I certainly can't take any credit for the result.)

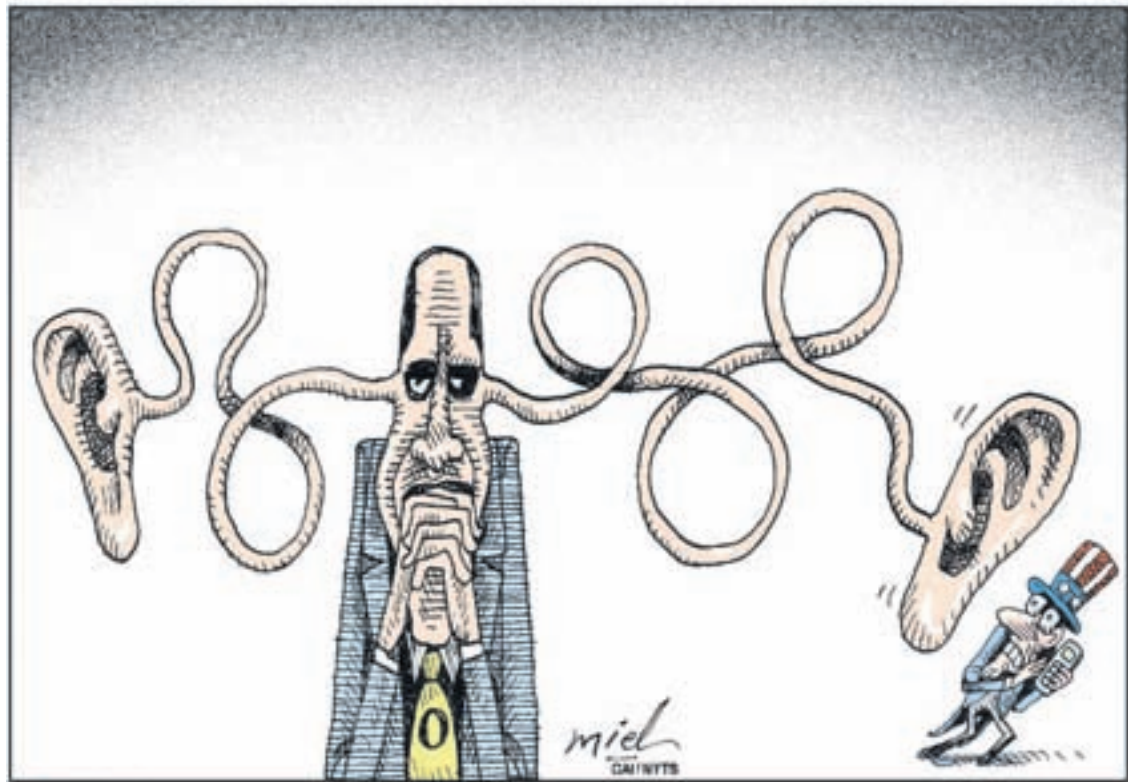
The report is important, and you should read it. It focuses not only on the external goods the humanities can produce (creative thinking, good writing), but also the internal transformation (spiritual depth, personal integrity). It does lack some missionary zeal that hit me powerfully as a college freshman when the humanities were in better shape. One of the great history teachers in those days was a University of Chicago professor named Karl Weintraub. He poured his soul into transforming his student's lives, but, even then, he sometimes wondered if they were really listening. Late in life, he wrote a note to my classmate Carol Quillen, who now helps carry on this legacy as president of Davidson College. Teaching Western Civ, Weintraub wrote, "seems to confront me all too often with moments when I feel like screaming suddenly: 'Oh, God, my dear student, why CANNOT you see that this matter is a real, real matter, often a matter of the very being, for the person, for the historical men and women you are looking at - or are supposed to be looking at!'"

"I hear these answers and statements that sound like mere words, mere verbal formulations to me, but that do not have the sense of pain or joy or accomplishment or worry about them that they ought to have if they were TRULY informed by the live problems and situations of the human beings back there for whom these matters were real. The way these disembodied words come forth can make me cry, and the failure of the speaker to probe for the open wounds and such behind the text makes me increasingly furious."

"If I do not come to feel any of the love which Pericles feels for his city, how can I understand the Funeral Oration? If I cannot fathom anything of the power of the drive derived from thinking that he has a special mission, what can I understand of Socrates? ... How can one grasp anything about the problem of the Galatian community without sensing in one's bones the problem of worrying about God's acceptance?"

"Sometimes when I have spent an hour or more, pouring all my enthusiasm and sensitivities into an effort to tell these stories in the fullness in which I see and experience them, I feel drained and exhausted. I think it works on the student, but I do not really know."

Teachers like that were zealous for the humanities. A few years in that company leaves a life-long mark. □



How To Tweet In Mandarin



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BEIJING - Lunch had run late, and by the time we got back to our hotel, Hung Huang was already in the lobby waiting for us. Blunt, opinionated and wickedly funny, Huang is one of the country's top fashion editors. But she is better known for her acerbic posts on Weibo, a microblog, where she has 7.5 million followers. As we introduced ourselves - four journalists on a three-city tour of China - she passed around a picture that someone had texted her.

It was a photo of President Barack Obama and President Xi Jinping of China walking side by side. Mirroring that photograph was another image: Tigger and Winnie the Pooh, matching their stride and shape. We all laughed uproariously. Huang planned to post it on Weibo.

Just then, though, an anonymous message on WeiChat - a new, peer-to-peer cousin to Weibo - arrived. It contained a warning said to be from the state news bureau. "Please reinforce monitoring and management of all postings with regard to the Xi-Obama meeting," it read. "Please clean up all attacks, riddles and comics."

"I don't even know if this warning is real," Huang said. But she immediately decided not to post the picture. The risk that it crossed an invisible line - be-

tween commentary that was acceptable to the government and commentary that wasn't - was too high. She looked at it again. "It is so benign," she sighed. It is nearly impossible today to visit China without hearing about the importance of Weibo, which was started in 2009 by Sina, a large, Shanghai-based Internet company, and which has since gained close to 600 million followers. Thanks to Weibo, the government can no longer control the flow of information, at least not like it used to. When a disaster takes place, the best information invariably comes from the Weibo community. Microbloggers have exposed municipal corruption and raised environmental concerns. "The government can't get away with a hand-wave anymore," says Kai-Fu Lee, the former president of Google's operations in China who now runs Innovation Works. (Lee has an incredible 43 million followers on Weibo.)

Perhaps more important, Weibo has empowered the average Chinese, maybe for the first time, to express an opinion and to confront differing views. "For thousands of years, the Chinese didn't believe they had vocal cords," said Huang. "Now they have found their vocal cords." Yet despite the undeniable progress that Weibo represents, there is still that invisible line, the point beyond which every Chinese microblogger can't go. Nothing is written down, of course; people who use Weibo need "a sixth sense," in Huang's words.

Lee, whose posts are often controversial, nonetheless had his Weibo account shut down for three days in February when he poked mild fun at a new state-run search engine; he has also had some posts censored. When our group spoke to him, though, he seemed to view the line as simply part of life in China, a friction in the system that had to be tolerated, like a lot of

other silly frictions.

"Survival is the prerequisite to making a difference," he said. "There are bloggers who have had their accounts removed. I want to be near the line but not cross it." It was counterproductive, he believed, to go over it. Huang was less patient. She, like Lee, had spent years in the United States and has a Western attitude about free speech. "If you look at China now compared to 20 years ago, there is a huge amount of freedom," she said. "But I don't see it as a glass half full. It needs to get better." The larger question is whether the kind of self-censorship that "the line" represents impedes China in other ways. Does the fear of taking a risk on Weibo spill over to other areas of life? Does it have the potential to hold back China?

My friend James Fallows, the longtime national correspondent for The Atlantic, who lived in China from 2006 to 2009, believes that it does. In an email he sent me a few days later, he argued - as he had in his 2012 book, "China Airborne" - that most modern societies try to "minimize the taboos and maximize the areas of acceptable debate." He wondered whether the Chinese approach - expanding the areas of acceptable debate slowly and even fearfully - would wind up placing "a ceiling on the overall potential of the Chinese system." He added, "I suspect that the very effort of maintaining the line is one of several tensions that will determine whether China 10 years from now is a fully 'rich' and mature country or just a bigger version of what it is now."

Meanwhile, Huang's instincts about the image she showed us was right. Although Fallows was able to post it on his blog at The Atlantic, those who put it on Weibo found it quickly removed.

Benign though it surely was, it had crossed the line. □

Critics Corner:

An Elusive Ballet With An Elusive Heroine

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NEW YORK - "Swan Lake" is all contradictions. Its princely hero, like a knight of King Arthur's Round Table on a quest, commutes between this world and an enchanted one. In the beautiful, transcendent purity that he finds by the lake-side, the ballet's Romantic/classical dualism captures something at the core of what ballet is all about. Yet this, the most famous

Others, however, often leave shaking their heads and saying, "But that's just not 'Swan Lake.'"

Certain performances, though, make us feel this could be "Swan Lake" after all. I watched three New York debut performances last week when Ballet Theater danced it again at the Metropolitan Opera House: Hee Seo (Wednesday matinee) and Maria Kochetkova (Friday, replacing the injured Alina Cojoca-

phony" centerpiece of Alexei Ratmansky's new "Shostakovich Trilogy" this month, he actually made a stronger impression than the stellar, beautiful David Hallberg had at the May 31 premiere. Whiteside has the star's instinct of not just claiming our attention but also taking us into his inner world, and he suggests real force of mind. Announcing himself purposefully as Siegfried in "Swan Lake," he drove the drama through-

gio became an emotional progression, as it so seldom is. Murphy began with regal aloofness and feminine reluctance and reached a highly vulnerable form of trust. At moments she seemed to vibrate, in quite different ways. Before the initial descent to the floor, she froze momentarily - as if indignant, shaking him off coldly. At the adagio's close, the delicate quiverings of her raised foot (*petits battements serrés*) against

beloved Ballet Theater star Herman Cornejo. (It's to be hoped that Ballet Theater will invite the exceptional Cojocarú back for this part, the ballerina role she has yet to conquer definitively.) As Odette-Odile, Kochetkova is intermittently successful. She's completely the mistress of the role's technique; you can't easily take your eyes off her; she has moments of marvelous linear amplitude. Her arms often rise from her torso with the full power of swan's wings, although elsewhere she's still girlish in manner. Her Odile is without complex allure.

Both physically and stylistically, Cornejo was ideally suited to several of the soloist roles he has now left behind. Is he the right material for ballet's princes? Even after some years, some people argue the point. Yet he is so imaginative an artist that he makes each role distinct. The sophisticated nobility he wears in "The Sleeping Beauty" is nothing like the boyish excitement he brings to Siegfried. The text he chooses for his Act III solo is regrettably short-phrased, but it begins and ends superbly. Beating his legs in the air in tremendous *cabrioles*, brilliantly interspersing his double air turns with pirouettes, he makes it abundantly clear that these steps are expressions of passionate excitement.

Everything Seo did as Odette and Odile was demure, accomplished, lovely, forgettable. In other dramatic roles she can be admirable. Her Natalia Petrovna in Frederick Ashton's one-act "Month in the Country" last month, though too youthful, was sophisticated and subtle. What's mainly missing from Seo at this stage is stylistic authority. She doesn't differentiate Odette's phrases as if they revealed successive thoughts. Does the rigorous classicism of "Swan Lake" inhibit her? As Odette-Odile, the ballerina must absorb the audience with her imagination. □



Members of the American Ballet Theater perform in "Swan Lake" at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, June 20, 2013. American Ballet Theater's production of "Swan Lake" is one of several substandard versions in the U.S.

(Andrea Mohin/The New York Times)

and perennial ballet in international repertory, is seldom danced well - or well enough. The two best traditional productions are those of the Mariinsky Ballet in St. Petersburg, Russia, and the Royal Ballet in London - though even if you combined their best features (each is seriously flawed), you could not guarantee a performance worthy of the ballet. American Ballet Theater's production is one of several substandard versions in the United States. The work itself is so rousing and so affecting that it's no wonder at every performance many people stand and cheer.

ru) as the ballet's heroine, Odette, and antiheroine, Odile, and James Whiteside (Thursday) as Prince Siegfried. Kochetkova, a principal with San Francisco Ballet, was making her first appearance with Ballet Theater; Seo, who has worked her way up the ranks, became a principal last July; Whiteside, who joined the company last September as a soloist, was previously a principal for three years with Boston Ballet. Whiteside, the most successful of these debutants, is an ardent performer. Leading the second cast of the "Chamber Sym-

out. A powerful dancer, he's still stylistically immature. On Thursday, when he raised his leg high in arabesque in an Act I solo, he just threw it loosely. We didn't see or feel its line as a gesture from the center of his body. He was partnering the redheaded Gillian Murphy, who, though an established virtuoso and principal, is immature in the same way. She's technically resplendent, but her arms and spine don't shape the arabesques of Odette or Odile with eloquence. Even so, you can't miss how these two excite each other as artists. The great ada-

her ankle were the fluttering of wingtips charged with tremulous feeling. Her Odile - a complex parody of her Odette - cunningly wields don't-touch-me flashes. And where Odette's forlorn doubting quality suggests an inner reluctance to give herself to love, Odile's worldly assurance suggests the antithesis. Murphy has bravura skills astounding even to those of us who see "Swan Lake" more than we should, and she never takes Siegfried for a fool. Kochetkova, Friday's ballerina, is petite. In replacing Cojocarú, she was a partner for the short but